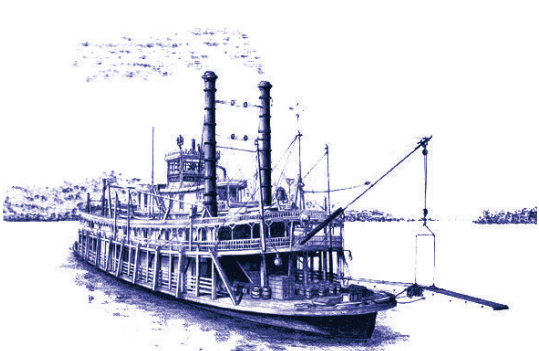




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Commissioners OK changes to County Council districts for 2026

BY BOB DEMAREE

Some changes are coming in Jefferson County's Council districts in the 2026 general election, a move the Commissioners approved Friday to better align the districts.

"There were some thoughts after the 2020 Census that we would need to re-district some of the County Council districts," said Commissioner David Bramer, noting the population deviation within the district has to be less than 10%, and Bramer said it was 16%. With the changes, the population deviation within the districts will now be 4%.

The Commissioners had until June 30 to correct the issue prior to the 2026 election when all four of the county's Council district seats

will be on the ballot. The three Council at-large seats next go on the ballot in 2028.

The only district in which there won't be a change is District 1, currently represented by Ray Denning, that has a population of 8,525. District 1 consists of Hanover Township 1, Hanover Township 2, Hanover Township 2A, Hanover Township 3, Republican Township and Saluda Township.

In District 2, there was one precinct moved to from District 3 to District 2 — Madison Township 2 with a population of 2,242. Meanwhile, Milton Township with 862 moved from District 2 to District 4. That district, currently represented by Chris Shelton, now has a population of 7,995. District 2 now consists of

Graham Township, Lancaster Township, Monroe Township, Smyrna Township, Shelby Township and Madison Township 2.

In District 3, three precincts were moved from District 4 to District 3— Madison precincts 5-1 (1,413 population) and 5-2 (2,058 population), and 3rd ward (745 population) for a total population of 4,216. Meanwhile, four precincts with a total population of 4,145 moved to District 3 from District 4 — Madison 4-1, Madison 4-1A, Madison 4-2 and Madison 4-3. District 3, currently represented by Ray Black Jr., now has a total population of 8,296. District 3 now includes Madison 1-1, Madison 1-2, Madison 2-1, Madison 2-2, Madison 5-1, Madison 5-2 and 3rd ward.

In District 4, only two precincts

are the same — Madison Township 1 and Madison Township 3. District 4, currently represented by Dwayne May, now has a population of 8,331. The district includes Madison 4-1, Madison 4-1A, Madison 4-2, Madison 4-3, Madison Township 1, Madison Township 3 and Milton Township.

Bramer said the action follows recent action by the Indiana General Assembly requiring a population deviation of less than 10% that specified County Council districts, but not Commissioners districts.

He said the legislation did not address the Commissioners districts because "I believe that is due to the fact that everyone in the county votes for the Commissioners," said Bramer. "While we must live in a

certain area or district in the County, where we live does not impact those who can vote for the Commissioners so there is no need to redistrict the Commissioner districts."

In other business, the Commissioners:

- Appointed a county safety committee that includes Heather White, Mike Glerum, Brian Amick, Jon Green, Josh Cline, Lindsey Wyne and Troy Hawkins. White, the county's human resources director, said she has been working with Indiana Public Employers' Plan (IPEP) to develop for better safety culture for the county.
- County Assessor Amanda Roselle said bids will soon be sought

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Susan Deer Connor, who at 8 years old played the title role of Sooner in the movie "A Girl Named Sooner," signs autographs Saturday in Vevay during the 50th anniversary celebration of the made-for-TV movie filmed in Switzerland County during the summer of 1974 and broadcast on NBC on June 18, 1975.

Former actress returns to Vevay for 'A Girl Named Sooner' 50th

BY BOB DEMAREE

A celebration of the 50th anniversary of "A Girl Named Sooner" brought former child actor Susan Deer Connor back to Vevay on Saturday.

Known as Susan Deer at the time she was cast as the title role, Sooner, for the movie, she was an 8-year-old student at Fall Creek Elementary School in Indianapolis when she beat out 300 other girls from Indianapolis, Cincinnati and Louisville for the part. The made-for-TV movie was filmed in Switzerland County and premiered on NBC on June 18, 1975.

"I'm really excited to be back," said Connor, who now lives in Tucson, Arizona. "I have good memories from that summer. I remembered southern Indiana is such a beautiful place. It's



Vevay resident Rita Sullivan asks a question during the question-and-answer session with Susan Deer Connor at the Historic Hoosier Theater in Vevay as part of the 50th anniversary celebration Saturday the filming of "A Girl Named Sooner," in Switzerland County.

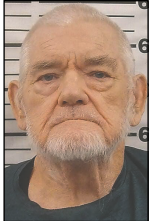
Madison man, 79, charged with child exploitation

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A 79-year-old Madison man was arrested Wednesday on charges of child exploitation.

William "Bill" Higbie, Madison, was arrested following an investigation by Madison Police Department. In late March, Patrolman Colton Fox received information about possible possession of child sexual abuse material (CSAM), and requested assistance by the MPD's Detectives Division.

On March 28, Detective Ricky Harris and Fox were granted a Jefferson Circuit Court search warrant for Higbie's residence, where multiple electronic devices



William Bill Higbie

were seized. After examination of the devices was complete, the case was reviewed by the Jefferson County Prosecutors Office, resulting in the arrest warrant being issued last week.

During the examination, approximately 20,000 images and video clips were allegedly discovered that appeared to show children engaged in sex acts.

Higbie is charged with Child Exploitation, a Level 4 felony. He is currently incarcerated at the Jefferson County Sheriff's Office and Criminal Justice Center with bond set at \$100,000 cash.

Madison woman dies, 3 injured in ORV rollover near Hanover

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A Madison woman died Saturday in a fatal off-road vehicle (ORV) accident in the 5200 block of South River Bottom Road about 3 miles past Hanover Beach.

At approximately 9:30 p.m., first responders were dispatched to the scene. Upon arrival, an officer determined that Charles Howell, 75, of Hanover, was operating the ORV with three passengers when the vehicle ran off the road and rolled multiple times down a hill.

Charles Howell and Jacquelyn Howell, 74, of

Hanover, were flown to University of Louisville Hospital in serious condition. Donald McAlister, 55, of Madison, was transported to King's Daughters' Health with minor injuries. Paula McAlister, 56, of Madison, was pronounced dead at the scene. An autopsy is scheduled to determine the cause of death.

None of the occupants were wearing a seat belt or helmet at the time of the accident. The incident is under investigation. Alcohol is not suspected as contributing to the crash, but

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Troy Law

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Donna Walters





Back to School Registration

Anderson Elementary
July 22 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.
July 23 | 2 p.m. - 7 p.m.
July 24 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Lydia Middleton Elementary
July 24 | 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.
July 28 | 1 p.m. - 7 p.m.
August 1 | 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Rykers' Ridge Elementary
July 22 | 12 p.m. - 6 p.m.
July 23 | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
July 24 | 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
August 5 | 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Deputy Elementary
July 30 | 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.
July 31 | 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.
August 5 | 9 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Madison Junior High School
July 23 | 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
July 24 | 1 p.m. - 6 p.m.

Madison Consolidated High School
July 29 | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.
July 31 | 12 p.m. - 7 p.m.

School Phone Numbers
Anderson: 812-273-8528
Lydia Middleton: 812-274-8005
Rykers' Ridge: 812-274-8006
Deputy: 812-274-8007
MJHS: 812-274-8003
MCHS: 812-274-8002

Online registration will be available via Skyward for returning students after July 7th.

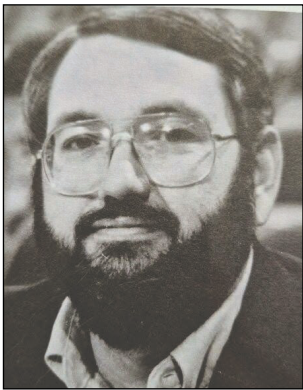
Online enrollment for **NEW** students is currently open.
*If you were a student at MCS at any time, left, and returned, you need to visit the school building and have the clerk assist you in reactivating your registration.

Visit madison.k12.in.us or contact your school for additional information.

OBITUARIES

Larry David Henry

Larry David Henry, age 73, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Feb. 7, 1952, in Scottsburg, IN. He was the son of the late Robert and Jenny Trotter Henry. He was raised in Austin, IN, and graduated there in 1970. He then attended Rose Hulman and Indiana University. On Aug. 20, 1977, he was united in marriage to Penny Sue Gaines at the Sandy Hook United Methodist Church in Columbus, IN. This happy union of nearly 48 years was blessed with two daughters, Jessica and Brittany. He worked as a radio broadcaster from the age of 16 until he was 56. He had worked for stations in Columbus, IN, Indianapolis, IN, and Detroit, MI. He enjoyed all sports and watching



car races. He was a member of the Hanover Baptist Church in Hanover, IN. Larry served one term on the Madison Consolidated School Board and served on the board of the Jefferson County Humane Society. Larry died on Friday, April 11, 2025, at 10:35 p.m. at the Hosparus Inpatient Unit of Norton Pavilion in Louisville, KY. Larry will be missed by

his loving wife of nearly 48 years, Penny Sue Gaines Henry of Madison, IN; his daughters, Jessica McClanahan and her husband, Matthew of Howell, MI, Brittany Henry of Madison, IN; his grandchildren, Seth Henry, Juliet McClanahan and Kara McClanahan; his brother, Loren Henry and his wife, Nancy of Bloomington, IN; his niece, Suzanne Taggart; his great-nephew, Will Taggart; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Barbara Geisler and her husband, Al of Ripley County, IN, Ronnie Gaines and his wife, Donna of North Vernon, IN, Ruth Shirey and her husband, Lowell of Greenwood, IN, Marie Gilpin and her husband, Raymond of North Vernon, IN, Mike Gaines and

his wife Janet of Fishers, IN; several other relatives. He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Henry, his mother, Jenny Trotter Henry, his brothers, Don Henry and Ron Henry, and his sister-in-law, Joyce Seale. Friends and family are invited to celebrate Larry's life on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 11 a.m., at the Hanover Baptist Church, 3894 IN-56, Hanover, IN, 47243. A meal will follow at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hanover Baptist Church. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Ida Carrol Arnett

Ida Carrol Arnett, age 73, of Madison, IN, entered this life on Aug. 8, 1951 in Trimble County, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late Joseph and Rachel Jackson Arnett. She was raised and schooled in Trimble County, and moved to Madison, in 2010. She was blessed with two sons, Carl and Ronald. She was raised in the Mt. Tabor Wesleyan Church in Trimble County, and later became a member of the Madison Assembly of God Church. She most recently attended North Madison Christian Church. She retired from Grote Industries as an assembler after 30 years of service. She had also worked as a private caregiver and private house



keeper. She dearly loved horses, working in her yard, being with her family, and listening to K-Love. Ida died on Sunday, June 22, 2025, at 8:30 a.m., at the Water's of Clifty Falls in Madison. Ida will be missed by her loving sons, Carl "Blane" Couch and his companion, Tonya of Madison, IN, Ronald

Couch and his wife, Haley of Madison; her granddaughter she raised as her own, Kennzy Nicole Couch Marcy and her husband, Jon of Madison; her grandchildren, Karson, Rachel, and Jasmine; her great-grandchildren, Eli, Jonah, Adalyn, and Wrenleigh; her brothers, Kenneth Wayne Arnett (Barbie) of Nashville, IN, Dennis D. Arnett (Carolyn) of Bedford, Kentucky; her sister, Sandra J. Fallis (Jack) of Brownsburg, IN; her nephew, Troy Lovins (Karen) of Bedford, KY; an other relatives. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Arnett, her mother, Rachel Jackson Davis-Arnett, her sister, Emma "Sue" L. Ratakin.

Memorial services will be conducted on Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 6 p.m., by Pastor Jason Dailey and Dennis Arnett at the Madison Assembly of God Church, 1636 Clifty Drive in Madison, IN. Friends may visit Saturday, June 28, 2025, from 4 p.m., until the time of service at the Madison Assembly of God Church, 1636 Clifty Drive in Madison, IN. Memorial contributions may be made to Shriner's Burn Unit in Cincinnati, OH, or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Stella L. Dise

Stella L. Dise, age 78, of Austin, IN, entered this life on Jan. 12, 1947, at Wise's Landing in Trimble County, KY. She was the loving daughter of the late William T. and Opal Dise Jones. Stella died on Wednesday, June 18, 2025, at 1:13 a.m., at the Lake Point Village in Scottsburg, IN. Stella will be missed by her loving brothers, Billy Jones and his wife, Nancy

of Milan, IN, Frank Jones of Crothersville, IN; 24-nieces and nephews; 65 great nieces and great nephews; 65 great great nieces and great great nephews. She was preceded in death by her father, William T. Jones, her mother, Opal Dise Jones, her sisters, Helen Grigsby, and Velma Jones, and her brothers, Darrell Jones, and Earl

Wayne Jones. Funeral services will be conducted Saturday, June 28, 2025, at 1 p.m., by Pastor Jamie Hall at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison, IN. Interment will follow in the Grandview Memorial Gardens, 9306 North US 421 near Madison, IN. Friends may call Saturday from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., and until the time of ser-

vice at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centre, 325 Demaree Drive in Madison. Memorial contributions may be made to the Stella Jones Dise Remembrance Fund. Cards are available at the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover. Online condolences, remembrances, and memorials, can be left at www.morgan-nay.com.

Katherine Kennedy

Katherine Kennedy, formerly of Madison, IN, died June 19, 2025, at age 103. She was preceded in death by her husband of 62 years, Robert V.

Kennedy and her son, Tim Kennedy. She is survived by her daughter, Judy Kennedy McGraw Halvorsen, Maryville, TN; her Grand-

sons, Daniel McGraw, Malibu, CA, and David (Heather) McGraw, Denver, CO, Four Great Grand Children and Three Great Grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held in Lakeland on June 25, 2025, with interment at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL.

DEATH NOTICES

Helen Rose Chadwick, 75, Deputy, IN, died Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at her home in Deputy. Cremation was chosen with no services or visitation. Arrangements by Buchanan Funeral Home in Austin, IN, www.buchananfuneralhome.net.
Troy Law, 45, of Bedford, KY, died Thursday, June 19, 2025, at his residence. A celebration of life will be at 5 p.m. Friday, June 27, at the Morgan Community Center in Bedford. Arrangements by

Ransdell Funeral Home in Bedford, www.ransdellfuneral.com.
Georgia Marnett, 77, of Madison, IN, died Sunday, June 22, 2025, at the Hosparus Inpatient Unit of Norton Pavilion in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by the Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.
Paula S. McAlister, 56, of Madison, IN, died Saturday, June 21, 2025, in a side by side accident

on River Bottom Road near Hanover, IN. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, www.morgan-nay.com.
Donna M. Walters, 82, of Versailles, IN, died Friday, June 20, 2025, at Norton Audubon Hospital in Louisville. Arrangements will be announced by Morgan & Nay Funeral Centres of Madison, and Hanover, IN, www.morgan-nay.com.

NEWS OF RECORD

JEFFERSON COUNTY CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER LODGINGS

June 19, 2025
Steven Ray Orwig, 33, Madison, for Battery-Bodily Injury, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
Elisha W. Seebauer, 43, Madison, for Unauthorized Entry of a Motor Vehicle-2 Counts and Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, all Class B misdemeanors. No bond.
Melissa Lou Ward, 55, Hanover, to serve 91 days jail on a concurrent sentencing. No bond.

June 21, 2025
James Robert Lanham, 36, Madison, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 6 felony; and Disorderly Conduct and Public Intoxication Alcohol/Drugs, both Class B misdemeanors. No bond.

June 22, 2025
Tavist D. Barnes, 30, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement and Criminal Trespass, both Class A misdemeanors. No bond.
Jerry Lynn Griffin, 53, Lexington, Indiana, for Communication Intimidation, a Level 6 felony; and Resisting Law Enforcement, a Class A misdemeanor. No bond.
Blayden Wayne Wall, 20, Madison, for Domestic Battery, a Level 6 felony. No bond.

JEFFERSON COUNTY CIRCUIT & SUPERIOR COURT SENTENCINGS

June 18, 2025
Morgan Wade Wall, 30, Versailles, Indiana, for revocation of parole for probation violation (dealing in methamphetamine). Sentenced to serve 730 days of previously suspended sentence on supervised home detention consecutive to 730 days for prior conviction (resisting law enforcement) with electronic monitoring, credit for 10 days served and \$685 in fees and court costs.
Jesslyn Michea Powell, 43, Madison, for revocation of parole for probation violation (amended charge of attempting to sell methamphetamine) based on new offense and failed drug screens. Sentenced to serve 720 days of previously suspended sentence at Indiana Department of Correction with credit for 275 days jail served plus \$685 in fees and court costs.
Stephanie Ellen Ketchum, 34, Charlestown, Indiana, for Possession of Marijuana, a Class A Misdemeanor and Public Intoxication, a Class B misdemeanor. Sentenced to 180 days jail on the possession charge, all suspended to supervised probation, consecutive to 2 days jail on the intoxication charge, served, plus \$589 in fees and court costs.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS JEFFERSON COUNTY

June 18, 2025
Mike Gardner and Lucinda Gardner to Mike L. Gardner

and Lu C. Gardner (trustees) and Michael L. Gardner and Lu C. Gardner Trust, 1400 Bloom Street, Madison.
Floyd Lengacher, Marietta Lengacher (trustees) and Floyd and Marietta Lengacher Family Trust to Sheldon Lengacher and Alisa M. Lengacher, approximately 7.4 acres at 5244 South 850 West, Lexington.
Janet S. Lamb (trustee) and Lamb Family Trust to Janet Lamb, approximately 14.5 acres at 10904, 1000+ and 10800+ West State Road 256, Lexington.
Justin E. Pyles to Katie Pyles, approximately 13.3 acres at 8426 North 1000 West, Com-miskey.

June 20, 2025
Mary K. Barnes, Mary Kathryn Barnes, Mary K. Barnes Revocable Trust, Mary K. Gray Revocable Trust, Mary Kay Gray Revocable Trust and Revocable Living Trust of Mary K. Barnes to Charles S. Barnes and Delores E. Barnes, 7.81 acres at 1381 North 1100 West, Deputy.
Mary K. Barnes, Mary Kathryn Barnes, Mary K. Barnes Revocable Trust, Mary K. Gray Revocable Trust, Mary Kay Gray Revocable Trust and Mary K. Barnes Trust to Charles S. Barnes, Delores E. Barnes and Barnes Farms LLC, 7.81 acres at 1381 North 1100 West, Deputy.
Zackary W. Hatton to Lori A. Taylor, 208 West Second Street, Madison.

Cara Sue Shaffer to Robin L. Davis and Anthony Brent Davis, 191 South Birch Street, Hanover.
Christopher G. Harper and Marie Annette Harper to Curtis M. Jacobs Jr. and Nancy C. Jacobs, 212 West Second street, Madison.
JS Investment Trust and Jerry Shields (trustee) to Jack R. Olds, 309 Jefferson Street, Madison.

Nelson Lengacher and Krista Lengacher to Floyd Lengacher and Marietta Lengacher, approximately 17.3 acres at 8601 West Jones Road, Lexington.
Troy E. Alexander to Justin D. Alexander, 52 Country Manor Boulevard, Madison.
Troy E. Alexander (power of attorney) and Justin D. Alexander to Christina Fresh, 52 Country Manor Boulevard, Madison.

David M. Daghir and Sharon L. Daghir to Roy L. Graham, 339 Clifty Drive, Madison.
Mary Greves and Judith A. Hassfurder to RMRK Properties LLC, 606 Highland Drive, Madison.
Jeffrey E. Cobble to Lisa York, 1017 West First Street, Madison.
Edward Dominic Gibson and Nancy Lee Gibson to Paul Lee and Paula Lee, 1344 Lockhard Street, Madison.
Lonnie D. Deboard, Cecil Denning (power of attorney) and Kimberly A. Deboard to Lonnie D. Deboard, Kimberly A. Deboard and Cecil Denning, 817 North Walnut Street, Madison.

Richard E. Turley Jr. and Timmy R. Cloud to Sybil G. Cloud, 3417 Celtic Cross Street, Madison.

Weather

Sunrise: 6:17 a.m.
Sunset: 9:10 p.m.
Temperature: High 97, Low 71, Mean 84, Excess 10.4
Precipitation since last published: 0
Precipitation, June 2025: 2.80
Precipitation, 2025: 32.78
Barometer 30.10, Rising
River Level at Clifty Creek: 429.5 feet, Falling
Forecast: Wednesday: Partly cloudy High 94/Low 73; Thursday: Isolated Thunderstorms 93/Low 73; Friday: Mostly sunny High 93/Low 73; Saturday: Thunderstorms High 89/Low 72.

Lotteries

INDIANA
Hoosier Lotto: 10-14-21-22-25-45 (6/21).
Estimated Jackpot: \$68 million. **Next Drawing** (6/25).
Cash Five: 21-25-31-34-39 (6/22)
Cash 4 Life: 6-25-31-36-48 CB: 4 (6/22)

KENTUCKY
Cash Ball: 6-8-14-23 CB: 2 (6/22)
Lucky For Life: 12-19-21-23-38 LB: 6 (6/22)
MEGAMILLIONS: 26-49-58-61-63 MB: 9 (6/20).
Next Jackpot: \$326 million. **Next Drawing** (6/24)
POWERBALL: 3-16-32-

52-62 PB: 24, PP 3 (6/21).
Next Estimated Jackpot: \$128 million.
Next Drawing (6/23)
POWERBALL DOUBLE PLAY: 1-26-29-44-52 PB: 26 (6/21). **Next Estimated Jackpot:** Up to \$10 million. **Next Drawing** (6/23)

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Editor's Note: Got a birthday or anniversary coming up? Send name, date and number of years (optional) to zelda@madison-courier.com or call 812-265-3641. Please leave your name and phone number in case we have followup questions.

BIRTHDAYS

June 24
Mike Dowell
Carl Risk
June 25
Claudia Black

June 26
Taci Hafer
June 27
Hank Bentz
Deanna Smith Andrew
June 28
Mike Armstrong
Marlon Maxey
June 29
June Taylor
July 1
Patti Chandler
Ralph Storm
Wanda Schnebelt

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VMI to work on developing group tourism

BY BOB DEMAREE

Visit Madison Inc. hopes to create a staff position dedicated to group sales for motor coaches and supporting conventions in an effort to bring in more group outings.

VMI Executive Director Andrew Forrester made the announcement at Monday's meeting of the Jefferson County Board of Tourism, citing the benefits of having someone focused on bringing those groups to Jefferson County because of their impact on local tourism.

"This would be somebody that can work with group tours, work with the current sales people" at local hotels, said Forrester. "This person is going to be focused on motor coaches, being that point of contact for conferences and conventions."

Forrester said the position is being created within VMI's budget as part of restructuring following the resignation of Lucy Dattilo in mid-April. Dattilo had served since March 2023 as VMI's 365 coordinator, a position focused on bringing visitors to Jefferson County every day of the year.

Dattilo had served as president of the VMI board of directors prior to joining the VMI staff, and was instrumental in developing the REVerie Roads motor trails as a tourism draw for the region.

"Once Lucy left and transitioned out, we've reorganized some things" to allow for the sales position in the VMI budget while continuing to carry on what Dattilo had done in focusing on year-round tourism, said Forrester.

VMI's decision to dedicate a staff person to support groups was strongly endorsed by those in attendance at Monday's meeting.

"I love it. I think it's needed," said Josh Abbott, a JCBT board member who is also sales manager at Fairfield Inn and Suite.

Jessica Spiess, program director for Historic Madison Inc., talked about how groups coming to Madison on motor coaches can benefit tourism in Jefferson County. "We need that more than anything. Bus visitors used to bring us huge sums of visitors, and we haven't had that since COVID, and it's

been gone ... That would be huge for our community."

Forrester said in October, the riverboat Celebration Belle, from Moline, Illinois, will pass through Madison and dock overnight Monday, Oct. 6, on the way to the America's River Roots Festival in Cincinnati and northern Kentucky Oct. 8-12.

JCBT President Trevor Crafton talked about the need for Madison businesses to be aware of such visits and how having evening hours can provide a better experience for visitors while also creating business opportunities for merchants.

"Having those ice cream shops, coffee shops and restaurants, bars and antiques open is vitally important," Crafton said, noting that remaining open during a boat's stop could turn a normally slow Monday night into a money maker.

In other business:

- Commissioner David Bramer, who is the board's treasurer, said innkeeper's tax collections for May were \$84,320.59, a 32% increase over last year. Annual innkeeper's tax collection through the end of May are

approximately \$329,000, up from a \$300,000 total last year after six months. Some of that increase an attributed to tax increase from 5 % to 8% effective this year.

- Crafton commended the work of VMI. "Our numbers I think reflect the job you all are doing," he told Forrester, who responded, "I hope so. The numbers are looking good. But we're facing some head winds with the economy," noting that "national trends are making me a little nervous but I'm feeling good where we're at ... Our staff, our team at Visit Madison is doing a great job."
- Forrester, who also serves on the board of directors of Miss Madison Inc., said he traveled to Guntersville, Alabama, to watch the community-owned hydroplane compete in the Guntersville Hydrofest. "It's bringing back the idea that boat is supposed to be a billboard for our community," he said, noted he distributed information about Madison at the race site. "We were right there to talk to them about coming up to Madison, not just for Regatta but coming up for another time."

Five to vie for Miss Jefferson County 4-H

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Five young women from Jefferson County will compete for Miss Jefferson County 4-H Fair on Wednesday night at North Madison Christian Church.

The pageant will begin at 7 p.m. at the church, located at 1400 East State Road 62, Madison.

Contestants include:

University and study veterinarian medicine after graduation.

Sydney Huff, daughter of Jason and Heather Huff. She attends Madison Consolidated High School and is a member of FFA and 4-H. She is interested in pursuing agricultural sales at Western Kentucky University after graduation.



Paige Campbell

Paige Campbell, daughter of Beth and Steve Campbell. She is a graduate of Shawe Memorial High School and plans to attend cosmetology school and build her own business.

Berlynn Conover, daughter of Emily Roberts and Michael Conover. She attends Madison Consolidated High School and is a member of FFA and the basketball and softball teams. She plans to attend Purdue

Julianne Jaynes, the daughter of Andrea Mullins. She attends Hoosier College and Career Academy and is a member of 4-H. She wants to follow a career path with the Department of Natural Resources.

Lilly Waller, daughter of Melissa Wolf and Ian Waller. She graduated from Madison Consolidated High School and is a member of 4-H and FFA. She will pursue veterinary medicine through Penn Foster.



Sydney Huff



Julianne Jaynes



Berlynn Conover



Lilly Waller

Juneteenth Celebration



Bob Demaree

Jill Kelly-Koren (front left) and Tomeka Livers (front right) lead a dance during Sunday's Juneteenth Celebration on the lawn of the Lanier Mansion Historic Site in downtown Madison.



Bob Demaree

Madison Mayor Bob Courtney (left) and Sue Liver (right) hug after Courtney read a proclamation in honor of the Juneteenth during Sunday's celebration on the lawn of the Lanier Mansion Historic Site. After reading the proclamation, he presented it to Livers, who organized the local Juneteenth activities that included a 5K Run/Walk on Saturday and the celebration on Sunday.



Bob Demaree

Tirrie Jenkins checks the books at the Village Lights Bookstore table operated by Anne Vestuto and Nathan Montoya while browsing the markets at Sunday's Juneteenth Celebration on the Lanier Mansion State Historic Site.

Evening Farmers Market June 25 at Norton KDH downtown parking lot

BY THE COURIER STAFF

Madison Main Street will hold the first of four evening Farmers Markets this summer on Wednesday, June 25, from 6-8 p.m., at the parking lot of the Norton King's Daughters' Health Downtown Medical Building, 630 Broadway St.

"We are excited to announce

our partnership with Norton King's Daughters' Health to host our June evening farmers market," said Austin Sims, executive director, Madison Main Street. "As our trusted local health care provider, Norton King's Daughters' Health is the perfect partner to help us grow this community event. A special thank you to

Norton King's Daughters' Health for its continued support and collaboration. We look forward to seeing everyone there."

Norton KDH will be providing no-cost skin cancer screenings as part of the event. Jonathan B. Hanson, M.D., otolaryngologist, Norton Surgical Specialists-ENT &

Audiology, will lead the skin cancer screening portion of the event. The screenings are designed to evaluate common sun-exposed areas, including the head, neck, arms and legs. Registration is not required; those who would like to be screened can simply stop by the Norton King's Daughters' Health booth at the market.

Encore Theatre of Madison announces season lineup

BY THE COURIER STAFF

For the first time since its founding in 2021, Encore Theatre of Madison, Indiana, is announcing its complete season lineup for the upcoming 2025-2026 season.

"This is a major milestone for us," says Thomas Cifranik, Marketing and Social Media Board Member. "We couldn't be more excited to bring this diverse, heartfelt, and family-friendly season to our community."

The season includes three productions:

A Year with Frog and Toad, Sept. 12-14 — This production, structured to be performed for younger audiences, is based on Arnold Lobel's beloved books. This whimsical musical follows two best friends through the changing seasons in a show that celebrates kindness, silliness, and the little joys of life.

Steel Magnolias, Feb. 6-8 Feb. 6-8 — The classic Southern drama-comedy that brings together six unforgettable women in a Louisiana beauty salon. Laughter and tears flow freely in this timeless story of strength, friendship, and grace under pressure.

Seussical the Musical, Summer 2026 — A musical extravaganza that brings Dr. Seuss's most iconic characters to life, from Horton the Elephant to the Cat in the Hat. With catchy tunes and a powerful message of loyalty and imagination, this show is a colorful grand finale to the season.

"We want this season to feel like a celebration of everything our community loves about live theatre: music, storytelling, laughter, and heart," said Cifranik. "Whether you're in the audience or onstage, this is the year to get involved."

Final two entries complete Miss Madison Regatta field

BY THE COURIER STAFF

A field of five young women is set for the Miss Madison Regatta Pageant with the final two entries being Kinsley Humphreys and Berkeley Neuman.

Humphreys, a 2023 graduate of Trimble County High School, is the daughter of Brooke Walker, of Bedford, Indiana, and Michael Humphreys. She is attending the University of Mississippi where she is seeking a degree in communicative sciences and disorders to become a speech language pathologist.

Neuman, a 2025 graduate of Shawe Memorial High School, is the daughter of Joe and Jill Neuman, of Madison. She plans to attend Northern Kentucky University where she will major in pre-law and minor in business.

Previous entries include Brooklyn Cornelius, Alisha Detmer and Alexia Sullivan. One announced contestant, Aleah Dean, has withdrawn from the competition.

The Miss Madison Regatta pageant will be held at 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 30, at

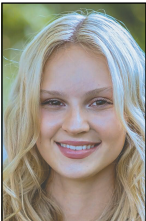
Madison Consolidated High School's Opal Sherman Auditorium.

On Saturday, June 28, there will be four contests at Opal Sherman Auditorium — Miss Teen, Miss Preteen, Miss Princess and Little Miss. The Miss Teen and Miss Preteen contests will be held at 5 p.m. that day while the Miss Princess and Little Miss contests will be at noon.

The Cutie Pie and Baby contests will be Sunday, June 29, at Opal Sherman Auditorium with registration starting at 5:30 p.m. The Baby contest will begin at 6:30 p.m. to be followed by the Cutie Pie contest. Registration for the Cutie Pie and Baby contests will be on the June 30 day of the event with the entry fee \$20 per contestant to be paid in cash. No checks accepted. Boys and girls from 0 to 23 months are eligible for the Baby contest. They will compete in a red, white and blue outfit or swimwear. Boys and girls from 2 years to 5 years are eligible for the Cutie Pie contest. They will compete in red, white and blue summer wear.



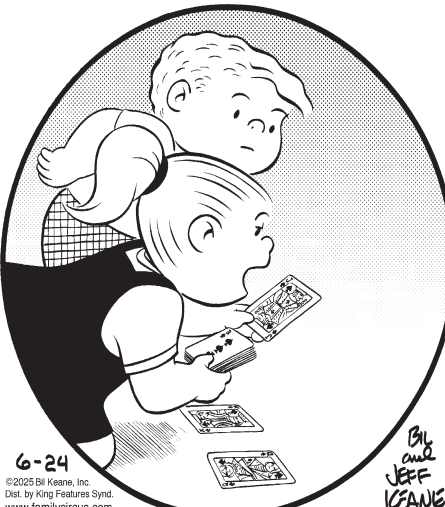
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Bil and Jeff Keane

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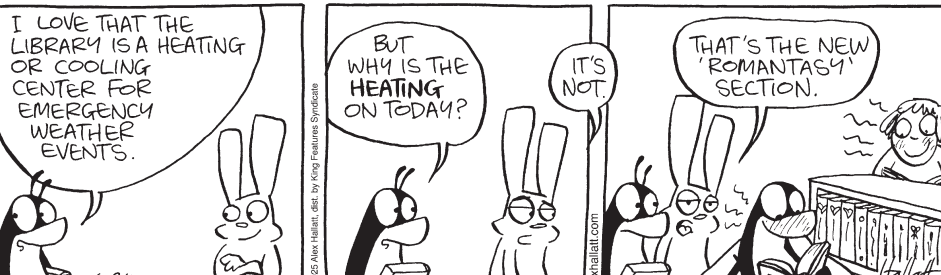


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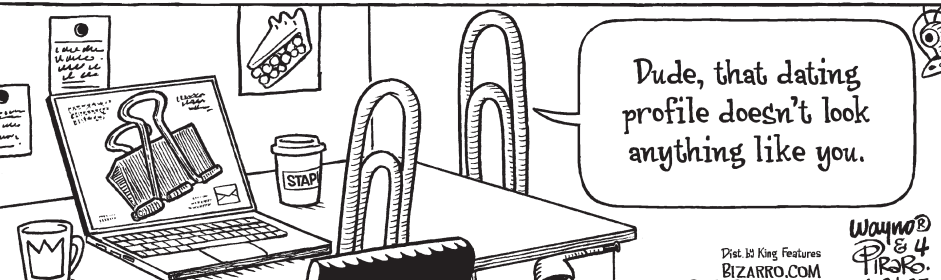
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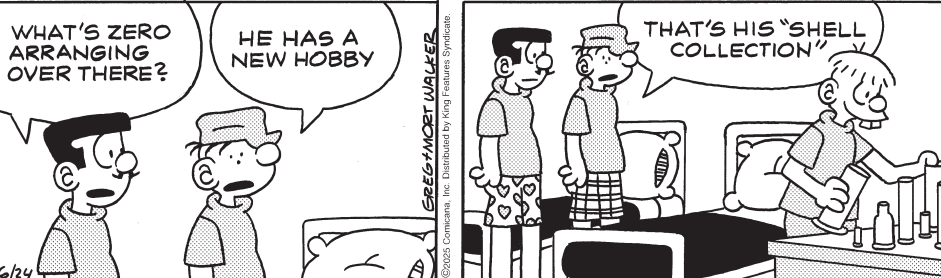
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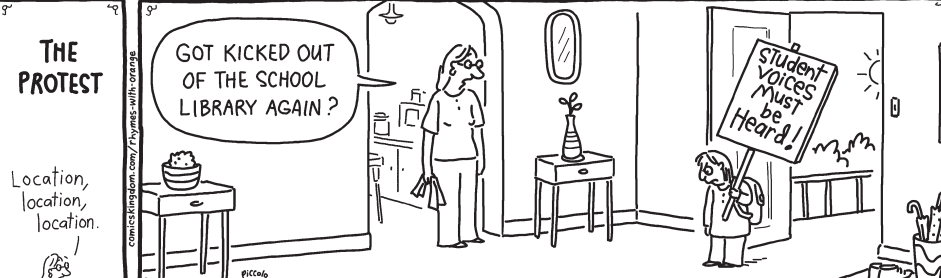
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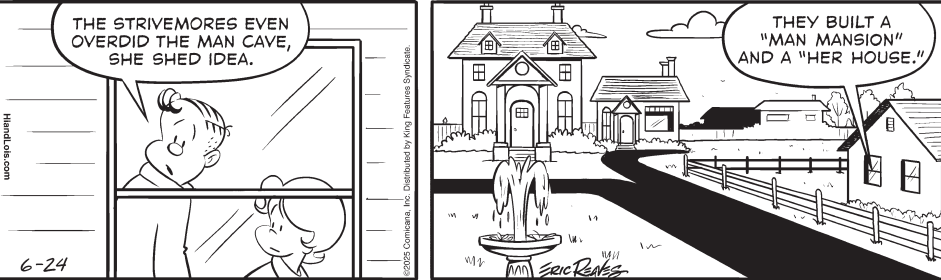
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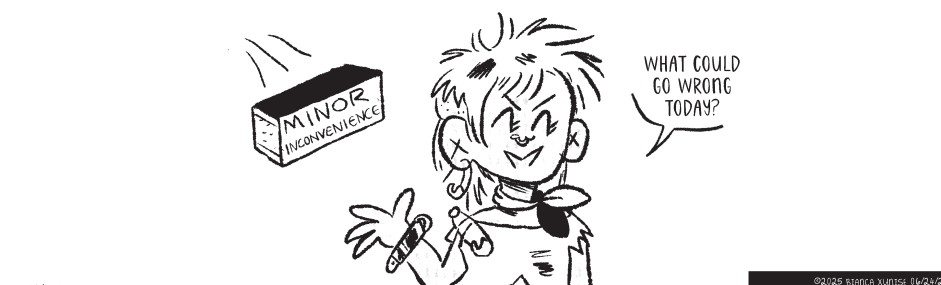
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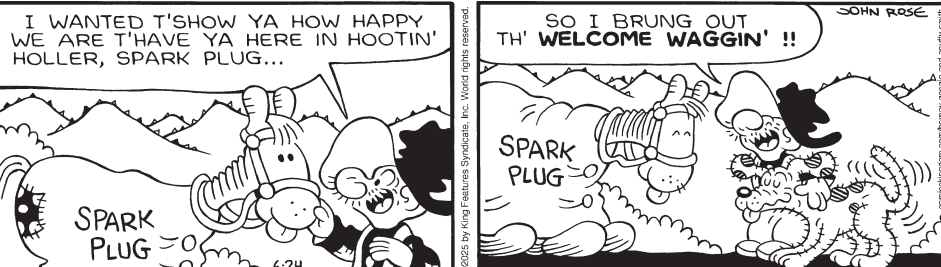
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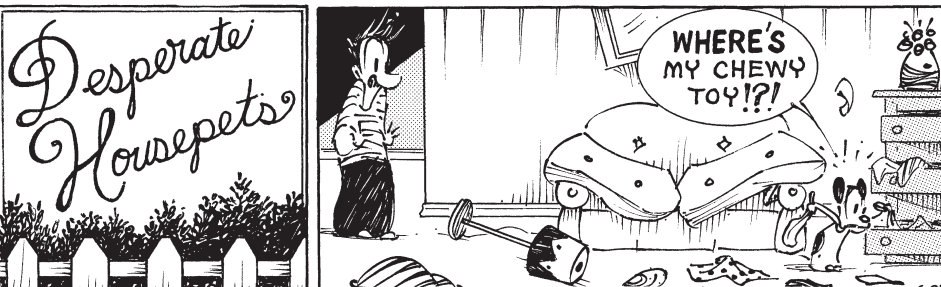
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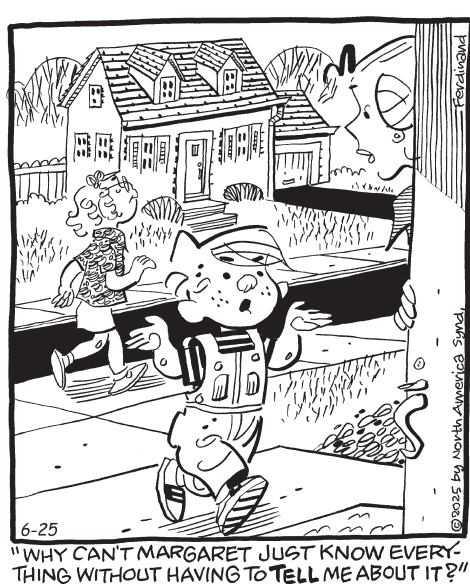
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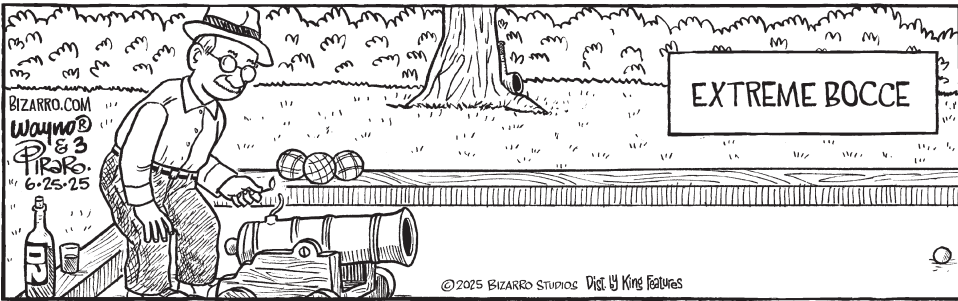
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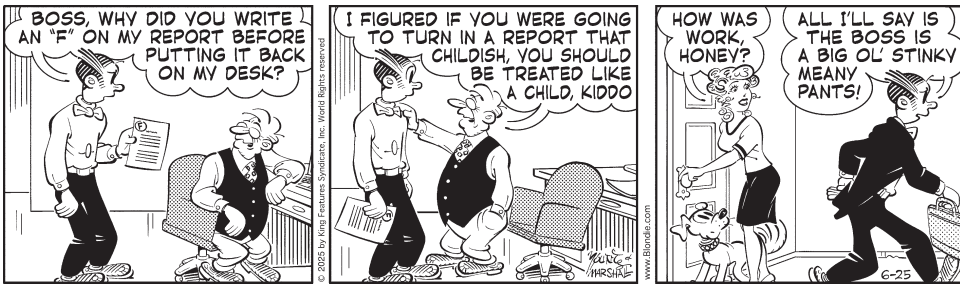
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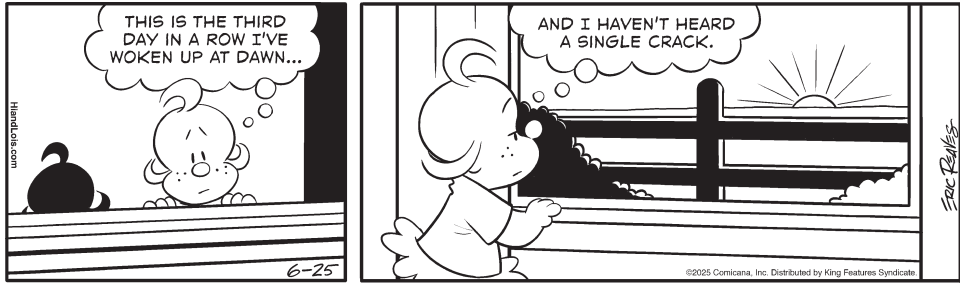
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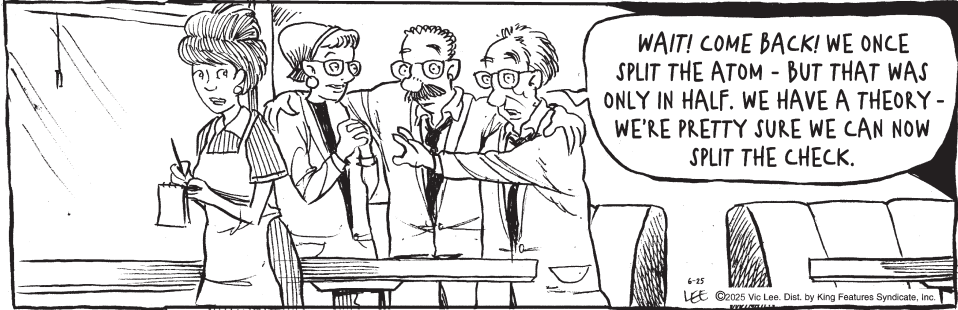
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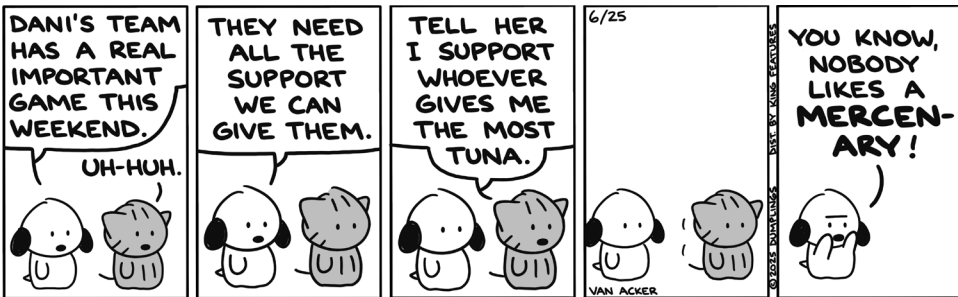
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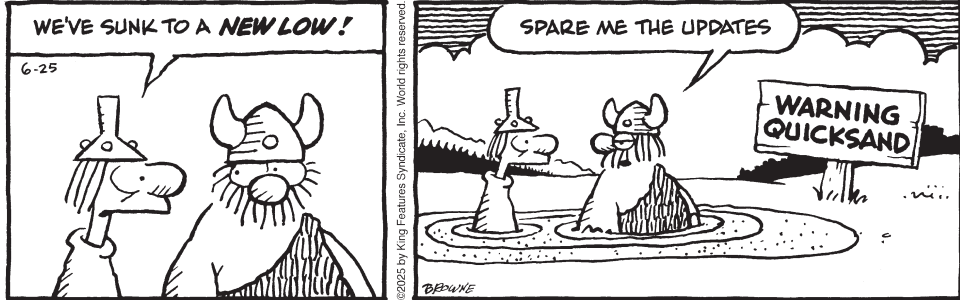
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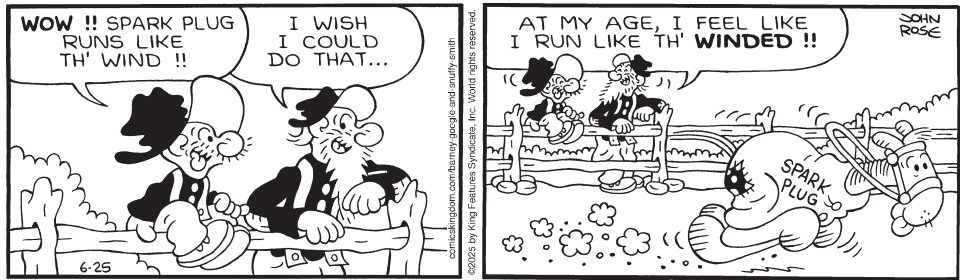
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real special to come back, and being a part of something that touched so many people.”

She was last back in Vevay in 1999 for the Swiss Wine Festival parade — the 25th anniversary of the movie’s filming that took place in July and August of 1974.

The movie was Connor’s only starring role as she decided not to pursue a career in acting. “It just didn’t seem like a practical thing to me ... I just never wanted to do it again,” she said. “It was just what we did one summer, and it was a great experience, but it wasn’t something I would ever want to pursue.”

Instead, she pursued a career as a public librarian, living in various places with her husband, Tim, a mechanical engineer in the aerospace industry.

“It was really great being a part of ‘A Girl Named Sooner.’ I appreciated all the people who have come up to me over the years, and tell me how much they enjoyed the movie. I have a wonderful memory of being in the movie.”

The movie also starred Cloris Leachman, Richard Crenna, Lee Remick, Don Murray, Ann Francis and Michael Gross. Connor and Gross are the only two surviving lead characters.

Even though he didn’t attend, Gross sent a video message, noting that “A Girl Named Sooner” was the first time he had ever done a film. “I was in my 20s, a stage actor in the Actors Theatre of



Bob Demaree

Panelists at the Historic Hoosier Theater in Vevay answer questions during the 50th anniversary celebration of the filming of “A Girl Named Sooner” in Switzerland County. Mark Morton (left), of Vevay, played “boy 2” in the movie’s memorable “bird scene,” Jeni Ricketts Scudder (center), a Vevay native, was a young girl hired by the film company to perform office tasks out of the local bowling alley; and Susan Deer Connor (right) played the title role of Sooner.

Louisville when I got the call. It was one exciting moment” to not just get the role but to be a part of that “incredible cast.”

Gross would go on to star in the TV series, “Family Ties,” as well as the “Tremors” movies, in a 50-year acting career that he continues today.

His memories include getting to know Howard Buchanan, who operated Haskell and Morrison Funeral Home at the time, and a friendship with Ray and Naomi Carlton of Mount Sterling. While still living in Louisville, Gross said he would take the Greyhound bus to the Vevay Ferry that would bring him from Kentucky across the

Ohio River to Switzerland County. “I understand you have a bridge now, congratulations,” he said.

“I just want to say it was a wonderful time. I met some wonderful people,” said Gross. “I made some wonderful friends. It was a turning point for me, one of the marvelous chapters in my life” because it was opportunity to be on film.

Several local residents had roles as extras in the movie. One of them, Mark Morton of Vevay, was on stage with Connor on Saturday for a question-and-answer session.

Morton played the role called “boy 2” in the movie in scene where a bird died,

which Connor pointed out during Saturday’s event that while that’s what happened on the film, “no bird died.”

“It was astonishing how they did that scene” to make it look so realistic, said Morton. He noted the boys in the film were throwing rocks but they weren’t real rocks. And the bird was actually at the end of a stick and wasn’t a real bird.

The event, held at the Historic Hoosier Theater, included the showing of a video in which several town residents gave their memories about the filming of the movie. “It was quite an exciting thing for this little town,” said R.D. Slawson of Vevay.

COUNCIL

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for the reassessment contract for 2026-2030. Roselle said the bids will be submitted to the Commissioners at their July 18 meeting. The current contract is held by Tyler Technologies.

- Approved implementing the Hero Adoptions Program for the Jefferson County Animal Shelter. “The idea is simple but powerful,” said shelter director Tricia Parker. “Some pets like small dogs and purebreds tend to get adopted quickly,” and in designating them as hero pets, they will have a higher adoption fee. “We will use those extra funds to directly support the animals who need more help like older pets, animals with medical issues or those that need more time and resources to get adopted.”

Hero adoption fees will be \$300 for dogs and \$200 for cats. Standard adoption fees are \$200 for adult dogs, \$225 for puppies, \$100 for adult cats and \$125 for kittens.

- Parker announced the shelter had received “No-Kill” status for 2024. To be no-kill, no more than 10%

of a shelter’s total intake of animals can be euthanized. In 2024, the shelter’s save rate was 94%. The animal shelter last achieved “No-Kill” status in 2022.

- Lindsey Wyne, administrator for the Jefferson County Health Department, announced the hiring of a behavioral health service navigator, a resource considered vital in connecting organizations and individuals in need of substance use disorder and mental health services.

The position is being funded by a \$192,000 grant from the Bethany Legacy Foundation (BLF). Also, she said BLF has indicated it will provide funding for the Tobacco Prevention and Cessation program effective in August, with previous grant funding ending July 1.

Overall, Wyne said health department funding is being “drastically reduced.” Indiana Health First funding to the health department this year is \$723,168.31, but will drop to \$206,000 annually in 2026 and 2027.

- Tim McDonough of Electrictek provided an update on the key fob system that is being installed at the Jefferson County Court-house.

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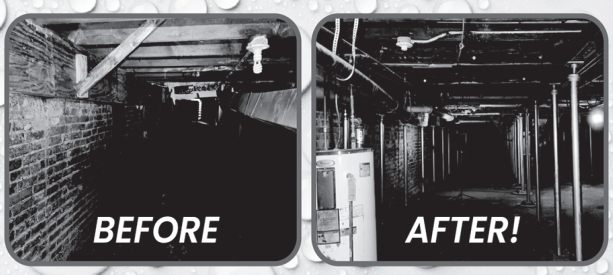
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Sports

MADISON COURIER SOFTBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR

Armbrecht leads Madison both on and off the field

There are a lot of ways one can describe Ava Armbrecht. Competitor is one, dedicated is another. Madison softball coach Devin Brierly agrees with both descriptions but she also

BY DAVID CAMPBELL

adds another: A great person. Armbrecht led Madison in nearly every pitching and hitting category in 2025 and is this year's Madison Courier Softball Player of the Year. But beyond the numbers is a player who was always willing to help others, and did so with a smile on her face. "She was the heart and soul of our team this year. Her teammates voted her teammate of the year. She's just a great person, and she's a great player," Brierly said. "We couldn't ask for a better person to lead our team."

As fierce of a competitor as Armbrecht is on the field, she is just as pleasant off the field and admits that it is hard for her to even fake a mean look for pictures preferring instead to smile. "That's just who she is," Brierly laughed. "We did some photos before the year and wanted them to look fierce and all she ever did was smile."

"I just can't do it!" Armbrecht said. "It's really hard."

That kindness, coupled with her ability on a softball field, made Armbrecht the complete player. In the circle, Armbrecht went 4-5 with a 3.71 ERA and 71 strikeouts against just 15 walks in 49.1 innings while facing some of Madison's toughest



Nina Campbell

Madison Consolidated High School senior Ava Armbrecht is the Madison Courier's Softball Player of the Year.

opponents. But it was at the plate where she really shined this season. Shrugging off an injury that cost her much of her junior season, Armbrecht hit .565 with three home runs, 10 doubles, five triples and 25 RBIs while slugging at a 1.032 clip. Those numbers netted her Class 4A/3A Third Team All-State honors by the Softball Coaches Association of Indiana.

"I think like everything just kind of finally clicked," Armbrecht said of her hitting. "Working in the off season ... something just clicked. It all just came together finally." "I knew that she was going to be special, just from working with her in the cages in the off season. We tweaked a few things, not much. All credit goes to her," said Brierly, who was in her first year with the

program. "She just came in and worked her tail off. She saw the ball great all year and if she didn't have a great game — which was very few and far between — she'd come in and get extra reps in. She was massive in the box. She went far in the count. She was either hitting a home run or getting walked, or she got on base somehow."

Part of Armbrecht's growth can

be attributed to just being healthy, something that she has struggled with the past few seasons. And while she had a minor issue this past season, this year was the first in which she was truly healthy. "I felt like this season was so smooth, like, very little hiccups in the road," Armbrecht said. "Obviously injuries set you back, and then you have to work twice as hard just to get back to where you were. So it was just kind of nice to see myself progress smoothly over the season." Armbrecht also said that Brierly helped her with the mental aspect of pitching, something that her coach excelled at while leading Southwestern to the Class 2A Final Four in 2008. "She was like, pitching is only like 20% physical. It's like 80% mental. And she just had to give us, like, that competitive mindset to go out and do your job," Armbrecht said. "Don't get in your head. After every pitch is done, you can't change the past. Just stay in the present." "She was the best competitor. She wanted to win. She has the will to win. You could tell sometimes she would get frustrated, but she would be able to dig herself back out of it," Brierly said. "She didn't want to come out, didn't want to let her team down. She doesn't have a lot of junk, per se, but she's solid. And so a lot of games that we played in, that's what we needed,

SEE **ARMBRECHT/PAGE B4**



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Indiana Pacers center Myles Turner (33) drives to the basket against Oklahoma City Thunder forward Chet Holmgren (7) during the first half of Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball series Thursday in Indianapolis.

Gilgeous-Alexander scores 29 as Thunder beat Pacers 103-91 for NBA title

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

OKLAHOMA CITY — Shai Gilgeous-Alexander walked off the court for the final time this season, collapsed into the arms of coach Mark Daigneault and finally smiled. It was over. The climb is complete. The rebuild is done. The Oklahoma City Thunder are champions. The best team all season was the best team at the end, bringing the NBA title to Oklahoma City for the first time. Gilgeous-Alexander, a former Kentucky Wildcat, finished off his MVP season with 29 points and 12 assists, and the Thunder beat the Indiana Pacers — who lost Tyrese Haliburton to a serious leg injury in the opening minutes — 103-91 in Game 7 of the NBA Finals on Sunday night. "It doesn't feel real," said Gilgeous-Alexander, the Finals MVP. "So many hours. So many moments. So many emotions. So many nights of disbelief. So many nights of belief. It's crazy to know that we're all here, but this group worked for it. This group put in the hours and we deserve this." Jalen Williams scored 20 points and Chet Holmgren had 18 for the Thunder, who finished off a season for the ages. Oklahoma City won 84 games between the regular season

and the playoffs, tying the 1996-97 Chicago Bulls for third most in any season. Only Golden State (88 in 2016-17) and the Bulls (87 in 2015-16) won more. It's the second championship for the franchise. The Seattle SuperSonics won the NBA title in 1979; the team was moved to Oklahoma City in 2008. There's nothing in the rafters in Oklahoma City to commemorate that title. In October, a championship banner is finally coming. A Thunder banner. "They behave like champions. They compete like champions," Daigneault said. "They root for each other's success, which is rare in professional sports. I've said it many times and now I'm going to say it one more time. They are an uncommon team and now they're champions." The Pacers led 48-47 at the half even after losing Haliburton to what his father said was an Achilles tendon injury about seven minutes into the game. But they were outscored 34-20 in the third quarter as the Thunder built a 13-point lead and began to run away. "Deflated, but proud of everything we've accomplished," Pacers guard TJ McConnell said. Benedict Mathurin had 24 points and 13 rebounds for Indiana, which still is waiting for its first NBA title.

The Pacers — who were 10-15 after 25 games and were bidding to be the first team in NBA history to turn that bad of a start into a championship — had leads of 1-0 and 2-1 in the series, but they simply didn't have enough in the end. Home teams improved to 16-4 in NBA Finals Game 7s. And the Thunder became the seventh champion in the last seven seasons, a run of parity like none other in NBA history. Pacers forward Pascal Siakam was part of the Toronto team that won in 2019, Thunder guard Alex Caruso was part of the Los Angeles Lakers team that won in the pandemic "bubble" in 2020, Milwaukee won in 2021, Golden State in 2022, Pacers forward Thomas Bryant and Denver prevailed in 2023, and Boston won last year's title. And now, the Thunder get their turn. The youngest team to win a title in nearly a half-century has reached the NBA mountaintop. The Thunder are the ninth franchise to win a title in NBA Commissioner Adam Silver's 12 seasons. His predecessor, David Stern, saw eight franchises win titles in his 30 seasons as commissioner. "It really hurts on the one hand," Pacers coach Rick Carlisle said. "On the other hand, this team has given all of Pacer Nation something to be very proud of."



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Eight time Madison Firecracker 10K Run champion Kris Sandlin will serve as the honorary starter of this year's race on Saturday, July 5. Online registration is open through July 4.

Eight-time winner Sandlin named 2025 10K starter

BY BOB DEMAREE

Eight-time Firecracker 10K winner Kristopher Sandlin will be the starter of this year's 46th annual Run/Walk organized by the Madison Area Run Club. No one has won the race more than Sandlin, a physical education teacher at Madison Consolidated High School and coach who specializes in distance running. But Sandlin is humble about being selected as the starter of the 2025 Firecracker 10K. "I'm teaching, I'm coaching, I'm running but I don't feel like I'm real special or deserve to be honored to be able to do this, but I'm definitely grateful for the opportunity," said Sandlin. Sandlin won his first Firecracker 10K in 2013. He won again in 2014 and 2015 for his first three-peat, added wins in 2017 and 2019 and then claimed his second three-peat with wins in 2022, 2023 and 2024. Sandlin has also been a successful coach — first at Switzerland County, and then for the Madison boys cross country program that last fall won its first sectional championship since 2013. He

also coaches distance runners for Madison's boys track team. A 2010 graduate of Scottsburg High School, Sandlin was a standout runner for the Warriors, and a 2014 graduate of Franklin College where he won the Heartland Collegiate Athletic Conference men's cross country championship in 2012. He also was the 10,000-meter winner in the HCAC track meet for three consecutive years. "Having that experience helped me some" in preparation for running the Firecracker 10K that was held as The Madison Courier 10K from 1979 through 2019. Sandlin's first efforts in the 10K came in 2009 when at 17 he placed sixth, and then was ninth in 2010. Sandlin was then runner-up in 2011 behind winner Tate Schienbein. Sandlin said it took him about three Firecracker races before "I really could figure out" the Madison course that begins at Madison Consolidated High School, circles Madison Junior High School, heads back through the high school parking lot and onto Wilson Avenue and then

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Haliburton injury shatters Pacers title hopes

BY MICHAEL MAROT
ASSOCIATED PRESS

INDIANAPOLIS — The gasp inside Gainbridge Fieldhouse was followed quickly by a hush Sunday night.

Just seven minutes into Game 7 of the NBA Finals, the Indiana Pacers' roaring fans went silent, struggling to fathom what they were watching — a replay of two-time All-Star Tyrese Haliburton hurting his lower right leg and the anguished look on the face of his father, John.

They didn't wait to hear the diagnosis; they already figured they had it.

“I saw (his Achilles tendon) pop immediately, you could see it kind

of explode,” said 37-year-old Nick Poore, a lifelong fan of his hometown team. “Tough. I mean it is what it is, life goes on. What else can you do besides take it on the chin, you know?”

Coach Rick Carlisle didn't confirm it was a torn Achilles tendon during his postgame comments but he noted the team's hearts dropped just like so many inside their home arena.

Of course, Haliburton's teammates tried valiantly to rally without their leader but struggled late in the third quarter and early in the fourth of a 103-91 loss at Oklahoma City, a loss that extended Indiana's title drought to 49 years and left many wondering what's next?

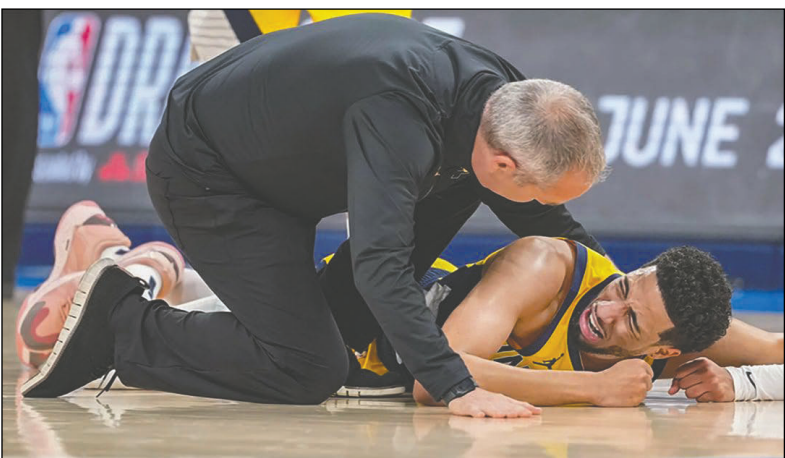
This one may have been the most gut-wrenching of all.

A strained right calf had limited Haliburton to 23 minutes Thursday night, but he scored 14 points and had five assists to help Indiana force Sunday's decisive game. With two more days of rest, Haliburton said he felt better and was playing well early with three 3-pointers and nine points, his best start in the series.

“Tyrese was about to cook, he was going to go off,” Poore said. “That was tough because you could tell he was bringing it tonight.”

But one wrong step ended Haliburton's night and dashed the hopes of so many Pacers fans who

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AP Photo/Nate Billings

Indiana Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton lays on the court after an injury during the first half of Game 7 of the NBA Finals basketball series against the Oklahoma City Thunder in Oklahoma City. Haliburton, who was 3-for-4 from 3-point range with 9 points at the time of the injury, did not return to the game.



AP photo/Eric Gay

United States' Sebastian Berhalter (8) is grabbed by Saudi Arabia's Ziyad Aljohani, left, during a CONCACAF Gold Cup soccer match, Thursday in Austin, Texas.

Unproven US faces tough test in Gold Cup quarters

BY SCHUYLER DIXON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

ARLINGTON, Texas — Matt Freese's gaffe that cost the U.S. the lead in a CONCACAF Gold Cup group play finale drew a reaction from coach Mauricio Pochettino that the Americans can apply to the rest of their last competitive test before next year's World Cup.

“Move on,” Pochettino said of the goalkeeper's botched clearing attempt before Patrick Agyemang's tiebreaking 75th-minute goal in a 2-1 victory over Haiti on Sunday night.

“Remember, the most important action is the next one,” Pochettino said. “If you think in the last one like that, you’re going to do another mistake. This type of accident happened, and it will happen it the future.”

The immediate future for the U.S. after a 3-0 run through Group D is a quarterfinal against Costa Rica next Sunday in Minneapolis. It will be the highest-ranked opponent for the Americans so far in the tournament at No. 54.

The U.S., ranked 16th, ended a four-match losing streak by beating No. 100 Trinidad and Tobago 5-0 in its Gold Cup opener, followed by a 1-0 victory over 58th-ranked Saudi Arabia. Haiti is No. 83.

“The confidence level is

super high,” said Brenden Aaronson, who assisted on Malik Tillman's goal that opened the scoring in the 10th minute. “I mean, nine points from three games. We’ve had two shutouts and another win today against a good Haiti team. I think we’re really flying at the moment. Now we have a week to prepare, which we haven’t had for any team.”

Still, the play has been uneven from what amounts to a B team of mostly young and unproven players and A team backups. Several of the usual stars and starters sat out for personal reasons, injuries or playing in the Club World Cup.

Missing the tournament for the U.S. are regulars Christian Pulisic, Yunus Musah, Weston McKennie, Tim Weah, Gio Reyna, Antonee Robinson, Folarin Balogun and Sergio Dest.

“We were not a clinic with the chances that we had,” Pochettino said of the Haiti win. “I think we should have scored more.”

Freese blundered when took a back pass from Tim Ream and tried to play the ball to John Tolkin with his left foot. The ball went straight to Louicius Don Deedson, who took a touch and scored inside the far post for a 1-1 tie in the 19th minute.

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MVP. Finals MVP. Scoring champ.

OKC's SGA holds all the titles

BY TIM REYNOLDS
AP BASKETBALL WRITER

OKLAHOMA CITY — He's the most valuable player. The scoring champion. And now, an NBA champion along with NBA Finals MVP.

All in one season.

Shai Gilgeous-Alexander has entered one of the game's most elite clubs.

The 26-year-old Canadian is atop the basketball world now in almost every way imaginable. Gilgeous-Alexander and the Oklahoma City Thunder captured the NBA title on Sunday night, beating the Indiana Pacers 103-91 to win the finals in a seven-game thriller.

He becomes the fourth player in NBA history to win MVP, Finals MVP, a scoring title and play for a champion in the same season. Kareem Abdul-Jabbar did it once, Michael Jordan then did it four times, and Shaquille O'Neal was the last entrant into that fraternity — until now.

“A lot of hard work, a lot of hours in the gym,” Gilgeous-Alexander said. “This isn't just a win for me. This is a win for my family. This is a win for my friends. This is a win for everybody that was in my corner growing up. This is a win for the fans, the best fans in the world.”

The title caps a season where the Thunder won 84 games, tied for the third most by any team in any season in NBA history. Gilgeous-Alexander, a first round pick out of Kentucky in 2018, finished the season with 64 games of at least 30 points. The only other players to score 30 points that many times in a season: Wilt Chamberlain, Rick Barry, Elgin Baylor, Bob McAdoo, James Harden, Jordan and Abdul-Jabbar.

It is amazing company. With due respect to those legends, Gilgeous-Alexander doesn't care. The Thunder are NBA champions. That's more than



Kyle Terada | Associated Press

Oklahoma City Thunder guard Shai Gilgeous-Alexander (2) drives to the basket against Indiana Pacers forward Pascal Siakam (43) during the second half during the first half of Game 6 of the NBA Finals basketball series Thursday in Oklahoma City.

enough for him.

“Focusing on just being the best version of myself for this basketball team, for whatever it takes, for however many games it is, however many possessions is needed, however many moments,” Gilgeous-Alexander said. “Ultimately, I'm just trying to stay in the moment. I think that's what's gotten me here. That's what has helped me achieve the MVP award, achieve all the things I've achieved. It's helped this team win basketball games.”

This was not a sneak attack up the ladder of superstardom. Gilgeous-Alexander has been climbing those rungs for years.

He's one of only two players — Giannis Antetokounmpo is the other — to average at least 30 points per game in each of the last three seasons. He led Canada to a bronze medal (over the United States, no less) at the World Cup in 2023, been an All-Star and first-team All-NBA pick for three years running, played in his first Olympics last year, and just finished a season where he posted career bests in points and assists per game.

He scored 3,172 points this season, including playoffs, the ninth-most by any player in NBA history.

Oh, and he's a champion

now.

“He's getting better every year in just about everything,” Thunder coach Mark Daigneault said. “I think he's really improved as a playmaker. ... And then he's an unbelievable scorer, and incredibly efficient. We lean into that. He leans into that. He's learned when teams load up on him and they overcommit, to get off it early, and I think that's reflected in the way we've played offense throughout the course of the season.”

Opponents have no choice but to marvel at how Gilgeous-Alexander does what he does. He's not a high-flying artist like Jordan, not an unstoppable force of power like LeBron James, not a 3-point dazzler like Stephen Curry. He looks like he's playing at his own pace much of time, largely because defenses have few ways to slow him down or speed him up.

“Shai, he's so good,” Pacers guard Tyrese Haliburton — who suffered a serious lower leg injury that knocked him out of Game 7 in the first quarter — said during the series. “He's so slippery in between those gaps. He splits screens, like, I don't know how he's doing that. ... He's a really tough cover.”

Gilgeous-Alexander is the

face of basketball in Oklahoma City, is rapidly becoming one of the faces of the NBA — his jersey is now one of the highest-selling — and it's no secret that he is the icon for fans in Canada now. It used to be Steve Nash, the first Canadian to win NBA MVP.

Now, Nash has help.

“You can only imagine and get excited about all the kids around the world, but in particular Canadians that will be affected so positively, whether they're basketball players or not, by the way he carries himself, by the way he executes and commits to his profession,” Nash said. “It's remarkable and he's an amazing example for everybody out there, not just kids.”

There's no question Nash had some impact on Gilgeous-Alexander's rise in the game. Another great who did: Kobe Bryant.

There are parallels: similar body types, even similar ways they answer questions. Bryant famously said “job's not finished” when asked about his Lakers getting within two wins of a title one year; Gilgeous-Alexander had a similar moment after the Thunder got to three wins in this series,

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Abbott goes 7 strong innings as Reds beat Cards 4-1

ST. LOUIS — Andrew Abbott retired the final 18 batters he faced in seven commanding innings, and the Cincinnati Reds avoided a three-game sweep with a 4-1 win against the St. Louis Cardinals on Sunday.

Jose Trevino, Jake Fraley and Elly de la Cruz each doubled and scored, and Matt McLain hit his ninth home run for the Reds.

The Cardinals had a five-game winning streak snapped.

Trevino doubled and scored on Fraley's liner to the right-center field gap that put the Reds ahead 2-1 in the fifth. After a passed ball, Fraley scored on TJ Friedl's sacrifice fly.

Cincinnati extended the lead when de la Cruz doubled to lead off the sixth and scored on Gavin Lux's RBI groundout.

Abbott (7-1) allowed only three singles, including Yohel

Pozo's RBI single in the second inning. The Cardinals didn't have another base runner until Taylor Rogers issued a one-out walk to Jose Barrero in the eighth.

Abbott had three strikeouts and lowered his ERA to 1.79. Jake Fraley had 10 putouts in right field on fly balls.

Emilio Pagán worked a spotless ninth for his 18th save in 21 chances.

Miles Mikolas (4-5) allowed three runs, two earned, in five innings for St. Louis. He struck out six and walked one.

McLain put Cincinnati up 1-0 on a 387-foot home run into the right-field bullpen in the first inning.

St. Louis responded with a run in the second on three straight grounders to the right side — singles by Nolan Arenado and Pozo sandwiched around a fielding error by McLain on Thomas Saggese's grounder to second.

KEY MOMENT

After Pozo's single tied the game and put runners on first and second with no outs, Abbott struck out Jordan Walker to start his run of dominance. He got Barrero to foul out and Brendan Donovan to fly out to end the threat.

KEY STAT

The Reds have not been swept in any of their first 25 series this season. It's their longest streak to start a season since 1989 (30 consecutive series).

UP NEXT

The Reds host the New York Yankees for a three-game series Monday-Wednesday before San Diego comes to Great American Ball Park Friday and the Reds travel to Boston the following Monday.

LSU sweeps Coastal for 8th CWS title, 2nd in 3 years

BY ERIC OLSON
ASSOCIATED PRESS

OMAHA, Neb. — Coming out of last season, LSU coach Jay Johnson couldn't have foreseen the national championship this group of tenacious Tigers is taking back to Baton Rouge.

“It was probably a year ago today,” he said, “we had 12 players in our program that actually played on the field for us in 2024. Twelve.”

Then, quoting his mentor and LSU baseball patriarch Skip Bertman, Johnson said: “We ended up with some really good fortune.”

LSU knocked previously unbeaten Coastal Carolina ace Jacob Morrison out of the game with a four-run fourth inning and the Tigers won their second national title in three years Sunday with a 5-3 victory in the College World Series finals.

The Tigers (53-15) completed a two-game sweep of the Chanticleers (56-13), who entered the finals on a 26-game win streak and on Sunday saw coach Kevin Schnall and first base coach Matt Schilling ejected in the bottom of the first inning.

LSU gave the Southeastern Conference its sixth straight national title in baseball and 11th in 16 years. It was LSU's eighth, all since 1991 and second most all-time behind Southern California's 12.

Johnson became the first Division I coach to win two titles in his first four years at a school. No other coach had accomplished that feat in fewer than eight seasons.

“It's not to be taken for granted, being here two years ago,” Johnson said. “That was special. Greatest night of my life. This is equal and maybe even tops in

some ways.”

The 2023 team was led by Paul Skenes and Dylan Crews, the top two picks in the MLB amateur draft that year, and slugger Tommy White. It was built to win a championship.

The good fortune Johnson referred to was mixing those 12 returning players from last season with a talented freshman class that mostly showed up intact after the draft and was rated No. 1 in college baseball, along with 10 transfers — including three ranked in the top 10 in the portal rankings. The team coalesced quickly.

“We went through probably the hardest schedule in college baseball and we had one hiccup — one. A little speed bump at Auburn,” Johnson said, referring to being swept in

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COURIERAREA SPORTS SHORTS

BY THE COURIER STAFF

— Several local baseball players have been honored as all-conference selections by the Ohio River Valley Conference.

Southwestern's Jeter Chatham, Austin Jenkins, Adam Traylor and Andrew Varble, Shawe's Tyler Hill and Switzerland County's Carson Byrd, Roman Hite, Zayne Smith and Cooper Todd all were named all-conference. Hite was named the Mental Attitude Award winner and Southwestern's Dan Thurston was named Coach of the Year.

The rest of the all-conference team is: Jac-Cen-Del — Brody Huff, Neil Sullivan and Blake Wagner; Milan — John McKeown and Noah Morgan; Rising Sun — Weston Cumberworth and Aiden White; and South Ripley — Trevor Castner and Mason McNew South Ripley.

— Southwestern's Lilly Fox and Chloey Leach and

Switzerland County's Bri Stow have been named to the Ohio River Valley Conference all-conference softball team.

South Ripley's Julia Hilton, Rising Sun's Hannah Kremer and Milan's Kaylee Petersen were named co-Mental Attitude Award winners. Rising Sun's Ken DeDreu was named Coach of the Year.

The rest of the all-ORVC team is: Jac-Cen-Del — Savannah Steele; Milan — Kynadee Bode, Nevaeh Carpenter, Mallory Eaglin, Kayleigh McIntosh and Emma Voss; Rising Sun — Lily Courtney, Hannah Kremer, Reese Merica, Tamryn Miller, Emily Oatman and Ryan Works; and South Ripley — Anna Block, Ellie Combs and Julia Hilton.

— The 2025 Hanover College Summer Cross Country Racing Series will be held in July on the last three Wednesdays 16, 23 and 30 starting at 7 p.m.

The Racing Series is a series of summer cross

country races designed to test fitness and sharpen summer training. Each week, the race distance will increase by one kilometer, starting with a 3K race, moving to the 4K distance in the second week and ending with a 5K race.

The Series will be held on Hanover College's nationally renowned cross country course, the site of the 2013 NCAA Division III National Championships. The course

has also hosted the 2003 and 2008 NCAA Division III national championships as well as a number of conference and regional championships. The course will also host the IHSAA sectional cross country meet coming up in October.

Cost is \$5 dollars per race or \$12 to enter all three events. Registration will begin at 6:15 p.m. on race night. For more information, contact Brady Wells at wellsbb@hanover.edu.



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**TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

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The Professional Appraiser must be either an individual who is certified under IC 6-1.1-31.7 as a Level III Assessor-Appraiser or a firm whose project supervisor is certified as a Level III Assessor-Appraiser. The professional appraiser must have extensive experience in the use and application of Indiana Assessment Standards and a thorough understanding of the income method of valuation. Potential bidders must also provide a Performance Bond.

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Amanda Roselle,
Jefferson County Assessor

MVP

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saying “we haven’t done anything.”

They have now.

“He is probably my favorite player of all time,” Gilgeous-Alexander said of Bryant. “Never got the chance to meet him. With me, with kids all across the world, his influence has gone through the roof.

He’ll be remembered forever because of the competitor and the basketball player he was. Yeah, I’m hopefully somewhere close to that as a basketball player one day.”

He’s not there yet.

But Gilgeous-Alexander got one day closer Sunday, when he reached basketball’s mountaintop for the first time.

“It means everything,” Gilgeous-Alexander said. “We rose to the moment. And here we are.”

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LOCAL LEAGUES

Thursday, June 19		
HANOVER PARKS DEPARTMENT		
Intro To Teeball	man and Tate Goley scored 2 runs for the Pint Size Pros.	Lady Gators. Adelynn Glunt and Amilia Garcia scored 2 runs for the Dolphins.
Sparkman Pallet & Lumber Purple Panthers 12, Barger Property Management LLC Stripers 11 — Gracelyn Adkins, James Duncan, Braxton Hughes, Fielding Mahoney and Madelyn Sparkman scored 2 runs for the Purple Panthers. Lawson Barger, Terrington Brooks, Audrey Deaton, Kipling Reece and Cassian Hoskins scored 2 runs for the Stripers.	Royer Corporation Tiny T-Rexes 7, Clark Farms Sluggers 0	Crafton Brothers Properties Lady Gators 25, Jendy's Pizzeria Batties 4 — Blair Ralston and Addison Schafer scored 4 runs for the Lady Gators. Lola Tucker scored 2 runs for the Batties.
Wright Implement Titans 10, Aaron's Auto Detailing Pint Size Pros 10 — Dax Stewart, Eli Spencer, Hope Colen, Miles Ryder and Stella Lipperd scored 2 runs for the Titans. Layla Webber, Jersey Neace, Charlotte Pence, Cooper Boh-	GIRLS COACH PITCH	BOYS KID PITCH
	Thompson Bottoms Purple Panthers 13, Premier Lawns Grand Slammers 1 — Abby Purcell and Eden Purcell scored 4 runs for the Purple Panthers.	Hilex Poly Pirates 11, Madison Orthodontics Cubs 10 — C.J. May and Camden May scored 2 runs for the Pirates. Dason Bradbury scored 3 runs for the Cubs.
	IKEC Diamond Divas 14, Emerald Transformer Bratz With Batz 0 — Wren Neher, Ally Griffin, Trinyti Mahoney and Lydia Wiederhoeft scored 3 runs for the Diamond Divas.	Yarling Concrete Orioles 14, Pennilane Antiques Cardinals 3 — Braxton Burgess, Bentlee Miller, Oscar Goley, Jude Turner and Tyler Yarling scored 2 runs for the Cardinals.
	Girls Kid Pitch	
	Crafton Brothers Properties Lady Gators 11, Sedam Contracting Dolphins 9 — Blair Ralston, Addison Schafer, Maddie Auxier and Angelique Smith scored 2 runs for the	

ARMBRECHT

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just a steady presence on the mound." Armbrecht has likely played her last organized game of softball. She plans on attending Indiana University's Kelley School of Business in the fall and, other than playing for her dorm or sorority, her career is over.

But she'll always cherish her days of suiting up for the Cubs. "One of my big memories was beating Silver Creek. Everyone wants to beat Silver Creek and Coach (Mike) Peak was definitely pumped up after that one," Armbrecht said with her customary smile. "But the bus rides and the dugout memories will always stand out to me, especially with the coaches and the girls. Especially when they all get crazy, that's the best time."

COURIERAREA SOFTBALL TEAM

COURIERAREA SOFTBALL TEAM	22 R, 99 Ks
Name School Cl. Pos. Key Stats	Chloey Leach Southwestern Sr. P 1B 138 Ks, .394 avg., 21 RBI
Ava Armbrecht Madison Sr. P SS 3.71 ERA, .565 avg., 3 HRs	Mallory Noble Carroll Co. Jr. IF P .527 avg., 30 SB, 7 2Bs
Hannah Chilton Trimble Co. Sr. OF P .378 avg., 2 HRs, 8 2Bs	Alyssa Ritchie Trimble Co. So. P IF .3.91 ERA, .456 avg., 19 RBI
Lilly Fox Southwestern Sr. IF .405 avg., 8 2Bs, 22 RBI	Brooklyn Rose Carroll Co. Fr. C P .592 avg., 3 HR, 36 RBI
Madi Groves Carroll Co. Sr. P IF .1.33 ERA, .383 avg, 30 RBI	Bri Stow Switzerland Co. Sr. OF P .603 avg., 17 2Bs, 31 RBI
Jaelyn Holbrook Trimble Co. Sr. IF .413 avg., 8 2Bs, 23 RBI	Jocie Stucker Trimble Co. Jr. C .471 avg., 3 HR, 23 RBI
Emily Laufer Madison Jr. 2B P .397 avg.,	Player of the Year: Ava Armbrecht, Madison

UNPROVEN

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The unsightly moment did nothing to dissuade Pochettino, who suggested his decision to go with Freese over Matt Turner will continue in this Gold Cup. The coach thought Freese followed orders by moving on. "Continues to build me up," Freese said of Pochettino. "That's something I really appreciate. Very grateful for the opportunity. I just want to help the team win as much as I can."

The U.S. won its group for the 17th time in 18 Gold Cups. The Americans have 43 wins, one loss and five draws in group play, going

3-0 for the seventh time. Still, a four-match losing streak punctuated by Switzerland's 4-0 blowout in the final Gold Cup tune-up is a not-very-distant memory.

"To be the best, you've got to beat the best," Freese said. "I think always continuing to push ourselves and play against harder teams and show what we can do and learn from it and continue to grow as a group ahead

of a big summer next summer is an opportunity we're all looking forward to. We want to continue to move on."

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LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO. 39C01-2506-EU-000042
IN THE MATTER OF THE
UNSUPERVISED)
ADMINISTRATION OF THE
ESTATE OF)
ANTHONY SIZEMORE,
DECEASED.)
NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
Notice is hereby given that on June 5th, 2025, Hilary Sizemore was appointed personal representative of the Estate of Anthony Sizemore, deceased, who died on May 6, 2025. All persons having claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 5th day of June, 2025.
/s/s/Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Jefferson Circuit Court

GARAGE SALE
2312 Cherry Drive Fri. June 27th 8am-4pm Sat. June 28th 8am-12pm
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LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO
RECEIVE PROPOSALS
Notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation will receive bids for the following: Pursuant to Indiana Revised Statutes, I.C. 36-1-12.5 and the RFP/Q guidelines, the Switzerland County School Corporation is requesting proposals from qualified Energy Services Companies (ESCOs) to analyze the operation of, and propose energy saving retrofits and improvements for Switzerland County School Corporation facilities whereby improvements are funded through energy and energy related operational savings. Deadline - All proposals must be submitted electronically in PDF format to Switzerland County School Corporation "RFP/Q Response for Innovative Turn-Key Performance-Based Services" and received at or before August 4, 2025, at the following address: rhte@switzsc.org. Proposals must be formatted as described in Section II of the RFP/Q – obtainable from the office of Switzerland County School Corporation, 1040 West Main Street, Vevay, IN 47043. Late responses will not be accepted. The Board of School Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation reserves the right to reject any and all proposals in part or in whole and to waive any irregularities.

Kathryn Collier, Secretary
Switzerland Co.
School Corporation
1040 W. Main St.
Vevay, IN 47043

LEGAL NOTICE

STATE OF INDIANA
COUNTY OF JEFFERSON
SS: IN THE JEFFERSON
CIRCUIT COURT
CAUSE NO.: 39C01-2505-
EU-000037
IN RE THE ESTATE OF
JEANNIE BATTO,
DECEASED
NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
Eric Obsuth was, on the 23rd day of May, 2025, appointed personal representative of the Estate of Jeannie Batto, Deceased who died on the 2nd day of May, 2025. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the clerk of this court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Madison, Indiana, this 5th day of June, 2025.
/s/ Tabatha Eblen
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Jefferson County, Indiana
Wilmer E. Goering, II
GOERING LAW LLC
817 E. Main Street, Suite B
Vevay, IN 47043
(812) 427-2135
Attorney for Personal Representative
I, hereby, certify that the foregoing complies with the requirements of Ind. Trial Rule 5(G) with respect to the information excluded from the public record under Ind. Administrative Rule 9(G).
/s/ Wilmer E. Goering, II
Wilmer E. Goering, II

Greenwoods complete Fight for Air Climb in Indy

BY PAXTON MEDIA GROUP

Gary and Janet Greenwood of Milton, Kentucky, recently competed in the American Lung Association's Fight for Air Climb at the Salesforce Tower in Indianapolis. They were among 362 participants raising money to help 1,164,000 Hoosiers living with lung disease, the leading cause of cancer death among both men and women in the

United States. They both climbed the 47 floors of the Salesforce Tower — the tallest building in Indiana — with Gary completing the 47 floors in 12 minutes, 12.7 seconds to place first in the 70 and over age group. Janet made the climb in 18 minutes, 16.1 seconds, improving on her time from last year by almost a minute.

Hamlin earns No. 1 seed in NASCAR's first In-season Challenge

LONG POND, Pa. — Denny Hamlin earned the top seed in the inaugural version of NASCAR's In-season Challenge, a five-race, bracket-style tournament set to kick off next week in Atlanta. The tournament, which comes with a \$1 million prize to the winner, is part of a new media rights deal that includes TNT. The final 32-driver field was set by results of the races at Michigan, Mexico City

and Pocono. Chase Briscoe won the Cup race Sunday at Pocono Raceway to finalize the field. The drivers will be paired in head-to-head matchups based on seeding, with the winners advancing to the next round in a bracket format that mirrors the NCAA basketball tournaments. Hamlin goes head-to-head next week against the 32nd seed, Ty Dillon. Briscoe earned the second seed, Chris

Buescher is third, Christopher Bell fourth and Chase Elliott fifth. The format is single elimination with the field cut to 16 at Chicago, eight at Sonoma, four at Dover and the final two at Indianapolis Motor Speedway. The tournament is patterned after in-season tournaments that are staged by soccer leagues around the world and even brought to the NBA.

SANDLIN

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through the Madison Correctional Unit/Madison State Hospital grounds, down Hanging Rock Hill with the final stretch heading east on Third Street. While Sandlin has become a prolific runner, it wasn't until his sophomore year at Scottsburg that he ran cross country. "I was very shy" as a boy growing up. "I was into sports but I didn't play organized sports. I loved to go in my driveway and play basketball and shoot hoops by myself." Finally, Sandlin said some friends got him involved in sports, and it was during conditioning for basketball that he discovered his talent for running. "We were conditioning for basketball, and we would do road runs, and I remember doing a 3-mile road run, and got second right behind a senior lead on the basketball team." His

basketball coach at Scottsburg, Brady Wells, who is an standout runner himself and now director of Cross Country at Hanover College, told Sandlin he should try to run cross country, which he did his sophomore year. "It's cool to look back and see how you're led down different paths in your life," said Sandlin. After graduating from Franklin College, Sandlin stayed in Johnson County for one year as a teacher's assistant at an elementary school in Franklin, assisting with the track team at Greenwood Community Middle School. He then taught four years at Switzerland County High School, where he coached cross country and wrestling. Sandlin has now been at MCHS for six years. "I have a passion for teaching and coaching," said Sandlin. "I want people to

enjoy exercise and working out and athletics because I feel there is a lot to gain from that. I had really enjoyable experiences, and so I want to give people those really enjoyable experiences too ... I feel like I was led to this profession. I feel like God had a plan for me, and this is what I'm supposed to be doing." Register for the Firecracker 10K at https://runsignup.com/Race/IN/Madison/MadisonFirecracker10K. Cost is \$35 (plus a sign-up fee) for both the run and walk. Final online registration is Friday, July 4. Race day registration will be from 6:45 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. and cost \$40.

LEGAL NOTICE

Public Notice
Saluda Twp Advisory Board will hold its 2nd quarter meeting on Thursday, June 26th at 7 pm at the Saluda Twp Park. Topics will cover 2nd quarter business and park business. Check the Saluda Twp Facebook page for streaming details.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS OF
ADDITIONAL
APPROPRIATION HEARING
Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of the Madison Consolidated Schools (the "School Corporation") that the Board of School Trustees (the "Board") of the School Corporation will meet at 2421 Wilson Avenue, Madison, Indiana, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (Local Time) on June 16, 2025, to consider the following additional appropriation which the Board considers necessary to meet the need existing at this time: An appropriation in the amount not to exceed \$28,000,000, plus investment earnings thereon, on account of the renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including the construction of a new childcare and preschool building, demolition of EO Muncie, site improvements throughout the School Corporation and the purchase of equipment, buses, real estate and technology in connection with the Project. The funds to meet such additional appropriation are to be provided by the sale of real estate to the Madison Consolidated School Building Corporation. The foregoing appropriation is in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget and tax levy, and a need for such appropriation exists by reason of the inadequacy of the present buildings to provide necessary school facilities. Taxpayers of the School Corporation appearing at the meeting shall have the right to be heard in respect to the additional appropriation. Dated this 24th day of June, 2025.
Dustin Bentz, Board Secretary
Madison Consolidated Schools

LEGAL NOTICE

TO THE OWNERS OF THE WITHIN DESCRIBED REAL ESTATE AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
By virtue of a certified copy of a decree to me directed from the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Jefferson County, Indiana, in Cause No. 39C01-2411-MF-001091, wherein U.S. Bank National Association was plaintiff and Shandelle Christ, Mark Christ, et. al., were the defendants, requiring me to make the sum as provided for in said Decree with interest and costs, I will expose at public sale to the highest bidder, on the 24 day of July, 2025, at the hour of 10am or as soon thereafter as is possible, at 1150 JA Berry Lane, Madison, IN 47250, the fee simple of the whole body of real estate in Jefferson County, Indiana: BEING PART OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION THIRTY-SIX (36), TOWNSHIP FOUR (4) NORTH, RANGE 10 EAST, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: BEGINNING AT A POINT IN THE TELEGRAPH ROAD, WHICH POINT IS 24 RODS, 17 LINKS SOUTH FROM THE NORTHWEST CORNER; THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 88 RODS 1 1/2 LINKS TO THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD, THENCE SOUTH 38 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 125 FEET TO A CORNER THE POINT OF BEGINNING; THENCE RUNNING SOUTH 38 DEGREES 30 MINUTES 220 FEET WITH THE CENTER OF SAID ROAD; THENCE NORTH 62 DEGREES 30 MINUTES WEST 185 FEET; THENCE NORTH 27 DEGREES EAST 215 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 62 DEGREES 30 MINUTES EAST 231 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING, CONTAINING 1 ACRE, BUT SUBJECT TO ALL LEGAL HIGHWAYS. More Commonly known as: 1165 East Telegraph Hill Road, Madison, IN 47250 Parcel No. 39-08-36-000-032.000-006 Together with rents, issues, income and profits thereof, said sale will be without relief from valuation or appraisal laws. Elyssa M. Meade, Attorney No. #25352-64, Padgett Law Group, 10475 Crosspoint Blvd, Suite 250 Indianapolis, IN 46256, (850) 422-2520 Ben Flint, Sheriff of Jefferson County, Indiana SHERIFF FILE NO. The Sheriff's Department does not warrant the accuracy of the street address published herein. SERVICE DIRECTED TO: Shandelle Christ, 304 Laurel Lane Madison, IN 47250 Mark Christ, 1165 East Telegraph Hill Road Madison, IN 47250 Type of Service: Sheriff, Sheriff 24-011683

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
DETERMINATION
Pursuant to Indiana Code § 6-1.1-20-5, notice is hereby given that the Board of School Trustees of the Madison Consolidated Schools has preliminarily determined to enter into a lease agreement and issue series of bonds in the aggregate principal amount of \$28,000,000 to fund the renovation of and improvements to facilities throughout the School Corporation, including the construction of a new childcare and preschool building, demolition of EO Muncie, site improvements throughout the School Corporation and the purchase of equipment, buses, real estate and technology. Dated: June 24, 2025
Dustin Bentz, Secretary
Board of School Trustees
Madison Consolidated School

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
ADMINISTRATION
NO. 48C03-2506-EU-000269
IN THE CIRCUIT COURT
OF MADISON COUNTY,
INDIANA
Notice is hereby given that Stephanie Thompson was, on the 10th day of June, 2025 appointed personal representative of the estate of Jeffrey Wayne Amburn deceased, who died on the 16th day of May, 2025, without leaving a will. The estate will be administered without court supervision. All persons who have claims against this estate, whether or not now due, must file the claim in the office of the Clerk of this Court within three (3) months from the date of the first publication of this notice, or within nine (9) months after the decedent's death, whichever is earlier, or the claims will be forever barred. Dated at Anderson, Indiana, this 12th day of June, 2025.
Linda S. Smith
Clerk of the Circuit Court
Madison County, Indiana
COCKERILL & COCKERILL
235 South Meridian Street
P. O. Box 247
Winchester, IN 47394
(765) 584-3241
Attorneys for Estate

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

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SUDOKU

How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

HOROSCOPE

JUNE 24

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Egos may clash, but compassion and understanding can help with resolution. Those who truly care may be ready to forgive and move forward. This could be the right time to secure items of good taste for your home.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You may feel in harmony with the universe, able to effortlessly overcome challenges like a superhero. If not feeling aligned, spend some time grounding yourself. In tense moments, use your generous and forgiving nature to calm others.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Luck could easily bend your way in matters big and small. The moment may be nearing to go for the long shot and take a risk on yourself. Putting your money in the right places will yield unexpected rewards over time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Spend time in quiet, listening, and you might experience an epiphany. You could achieve clarity and recognize the connections between your actions and your goals. Find ways you can bring them closer together as the future approaches.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Gratitude and attitude can turn difficulties into blessings. This may be a good time to concentrate on forgiveness so that the bonds of affection grow closer. Firm up financial plans while the stars are on your side and money is more likely to flow.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Things can work out for the best if you stay in your lane and allow someone to do their own thing. Don't get caught up in a contest to see who is top dog. By being cooperative you will find that others are more likely to cooperate with you.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) While the universe may seem chaotic at times, there is always an underlying order. Try to keep your corner of the cosmos properly organized to support you. Use your abilities to discover what's out of place and restore the world to a better balance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) The answers to issues you haven't been able to resolve may be revealed when you discuss them with friends in your circle. If you're too close to the problem, you may not see everything. An outside perspective may give you a new approach.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Compromise and cooperation can help keep you in the game. You may struggle with social events unless you're in a leading role but now may not be the time to demand control. Honesty shines brightly; the truth always stands out.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Heed wise counsel. Advice from those in power or someone who has your best interests at heart could potentially shape your future. Listen closely to their insights and you might be able to create a more rewarding future.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Consider taking the initiative and inviting someone to join you for the long haul. Your financial savvy can help bring prosperity, making this a potential time to set plans in motion for love as well as money. Someone close should back your vision.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Unite for a cause. Join friends in solidarity with a shared issue and prove your loyalty by actively supporting the group's goals. Your business objectives might drive a wedge between you and someone you'd like to grow closer.

Sudoku solution

5	8	3	7	9	4	6	1	2
7	2	4	6	1	8	3	9	5
6	9	1	2	5	3	4	7	8
4	9	5	6	1	7	2	8	
1	6	7	9	8	2	5	4	3
8	3	2	5	4	7	9	6	1
2	1	6	4	7	9	8	3	9
3	4	5	8	2	9	1	7	6
9	7	8	1	3	6	2	2	4

Jumble solution

THE ROOSTER WONDERED WHY HE WOKE UP SO EARLY, BUT THEN IT --- DAWNED ON HIM

Sleuth solution

DELEGATION
RANCH MOUND WITHIN HUDDLE
SOMEONE'S
OCEANIC
SLEUTH
HAPPY
DOWNSIDE
ELEVATOR

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

CNARH
NDUMO
TIWNIH
DEHLUD

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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6/24

THE ROOSTER WONDERED WHY HE WOKE UP SO EARLY, BUT THEN IT ---

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

PEOPLE IN GROUPS

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J H E D E L E G A T I O N C G

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C Z X V T R A E R Y T P L N A

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I G E C O R M B G N M K E M O

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E D B A Y L X D W O R C A N T

W U T S D Y Q P O N F L K Y E

Monday's unlisted clue: REINDEER

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: DISORDERLY GROUP OF PEOPLE

Assembly	Delegation	Gang	Task force
Company	Ensemble	Guild	Team
Conclave	Family	Posse	Throng
Crowd	Forum	Rally	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Rotunda top

5 Lobbying org.

8 Greet

12 War god

13 Yalie

14 Beige

15 Butte resident

17 "East of Eden" twin

18 Conclude

19 Multi-day prayer

21 Reacted to a light show

24 Feed the piggy bank

25 Streetcar

26 Impetus

30 Not 'neath

31 Element No. 5

32 Attorneys' org.

33 Pinpoint

35 Driver with a handle

36 Farm fathers

37 Iraqi port city

38 Tenor Enrico

41 Note after fa

42 Now, in a memo

43 Rare

48 "Hey!"

49 Uncle (Sp.)

50 Roof edge

51 Wallet stuffers

52 Chapeau

53 "Phooey!"

DOWN

1 River blocker

2 Spanish gold

3 Chess pieces

4 Honor

5 Await approval

6 In the style of

7 Donut flavor

8 Paradise

9 Farmland unit

10 Pressing thing?

11 Moth variety

16 Moreover

20 It takes the cake

21 "Alternatively," in a text

22 Popular layered

23 Injure

24 Hungarian-born

26 New Jersey county

27 Folder features

28 Modern taxi rival

29 Actress Kate

31 Prejudice

34 Spews lava, say

35 Placated

37 Scary cry

38 Mafia boss

39 Org.

40 Demolish, in Dover

41 Native of Inverness

44 Actress Vardalos

45 Blemish

46 Eggs

47 Mosquito barrier

Solution time: 22 mins.

Today's solution

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HOROSCOPE

JUNE 25

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Don't go down an overthinking rabbit hole to fix problems that aren't your responsibility. Consider the burdens you've taken on and consider what you can't change. Free yourself from a sense of responsibility for someone else's fate.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Other's reactions are about them, it's not personal if they aren't responding with the enthusiasm you might expect. Focus on your own perceptions instead and remain considerate of other's feelings. Don't overreact to a brief lack of attention or consideration.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Balance friendliness with discernment. Not all advice is trustworthy, consider the source before you embrace anything wholeheartedly. Always respect others' boundaries, particularly regarding their personal belongings and opinions.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Just being "successful" is too general a target to aim for. Decide what success means to you and choose specific steps on the road to that goal. However you define success, you'll get there with clear vision and consistent efforts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Ambition isn't everything it seems. You might crave leadership, but you might advance further as a team player for now. Other people can bring complementary skillsets and provide a boost or a fill in when your competencies or energies flag.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) If friends need help with something, your impulse may be to put your objectives and dreams on standby while you get them going. Self-abandonment is not a sustainable strategy, be careful not to lose your way while helping them find theirs.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may enjoy competing with the best, but don't expect the top rewards just yet. Striving for a better position or proving a point might succeed, but the cost could outweigh the gain. Keep things clear so that miscommunications don't erode trust.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) This isn't the ideal day for starting new projects, but it could be useful for laying groundwork. Collect valuable ideas, inspiration, and insights from colleagues or friends. You might earn recognition from your planning skills, not just the ultimate outcome.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Act with integrity every time, even when it is tempting to do otherwise. Charm alone won't sustain a reputation. Even well-intentioned deeds may draw mixed reactions, stick to the highest ethical principles in every situation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) An open-minded approach could open doors to profitable possibilities. Stay alert for valuable business connections and enjoy being part of a wholesome and potentially helpful crowd. Handle a colleague with care and tact.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) What's easy for you may be difficult for others. If you offer your help generously and freely, people might look at you in a new light. When they discover your talents and good judgment, important people could be impressed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Sharing isn't equal if only one person contributes, and you may feel a need to resist if expected to cover out of proportion costs for someone. Keep your wallet tight for a few days, spending more may not win more respect or affection.

Sudoku solution

9	3	5	2	8	7	4	6	1
8	6	4	1	9	2	3	5	7
2	1	7	3	9	6	5	8	4
1	5	2	7	6	8	3	9	4
4	7	6	5	2	9	8	1	3
7	8	9	4	1	2	5	3	6
4	7	3	9	1	2	6	8	5
5	2	8	6	4	4	1	7	3
6	9	1	8	5	7	4	3	2

Jumble solution

BECAUSE OF NEARBY THUNDERSTORMS, FLIGHT ARRIVAL TIMES WERE NOW --- UP IN THE AIR

Sleuth solution

DELEGATION
RANCH MOUND WITHIN HUDDLE
SOMEONE'S
OCEANIC
SLEUTH
HAPPY
DOWNSIDE
ELEVATOR

JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

PREIG
PNITU
NCIORI
NAMHEU

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WORD SLEUTH

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D B Y W T R P M T K I F D N B

Y W U S Q Q A P M O C O O M K

I F D B Z X W U S N S Y Q O N

L J H F B I L L Y B E E R D C

C A Y W V E C T S B Q D D O P

N L K I S M H M F E N O R N E

C B Z D A Y W V U H U D S O N

S R E N R E T S U B K C O L B

Q T A C S N R A E T S R A E B

G P A N I R U P N O T S L A R

Tuesday's unlisted clue: MOB

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Wednesday's unlisted clue hint: BED BATH & ---

Bear Stearns	Compaq	Enron	Pan Am
Billy Beer	Cord	GTE	Ralston Purina
Blockbuster	De Soto	Hudson	RCA
Borden	Edsel	MCI	

SHEFFER CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Pit

5 Bar bill

8 Hendrix hairdo

12 Unsigned (Abbr.)

13 Moody music

14 Former queen of Jordan

15 Fireplugs

17 Pot starter

18 Self-evident truth

19 Trombone parts

21 Marshy areas

24 Red — beet

25 Mara-thoner's tempo

28 Conn of "Grease"

30 Mets' div.

33 Outback bird

34 Imposed a levy on

35 Sailor

36 Standard

37 Pro votes

38 Bygone fleet

39 Eggnog ingredient

41 Revue segment

43 Italian brandy

46 Thread holder

50 Dryer fuzz

51 Engine fluids

54 "Beetle Bailey" pooch

55 Part of TNT

56 One insect

58 Paradise in "On the Road"

59 Defeat

DOWN

1 "Funny!"

2 Cameo stone

3 California city

4 Clothe

5 X, at times

6 Invoice fig.

7 Employer

8 Diarist Nin

9 Sugar pastes used in cake

10 Memory decorating method

11 Raw minerals

16 "I love," in Latin

20 Deposited

22 Aussie greeting

23 Casino box-cars

25 Zing

26 Docs' bloc

27 Small raisins

29 Cubicle fixture

31 Long. crosser

32 Hosp. areas

34 Pack (down)

38 Minnesota's capital

40 "Gimme five!"

42 Oahu or Maui (Abbr.)

43 Radiate

44 Oscar winner

45 Deeds

47 — account (never)

48 Elevator name

49 D-Day carriers

52 British singer Rita

53 Corn product

Solution time: 23 mins.

Today's solution

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11

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PACERS

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came to celebrate the title they'd longed for.

“Absolutely not what we wanted to see but you know what he's going to want. He's going to want this team to continue to fight,” Chris Denari, the Pacers’ television play-by-play announcer told the stunned crowd. “He is the leader of this team. We know what he's meant since he arrived from Sacramento and he's going to need all of our thoughts and prayers, but he's going to want this team to fight and win an NBA title.”

The crowd responded to Denari's plea, cheering raucously for each Pacers basket, defensive stop, Thunder foul or turnover. But the late runs eventually took their toll, quieting fans and sending some home for good after Oklahoma City built a 21-point lead.

Worse, it's yet another potentially cruel chapter in the franchise's long and painful history.

Since the three-time ABA champion team joined the NBA, it has endured every seemingly imaginable and unimaginable setback: the 1977 telethon that saved the team, the Malice in the Palace that cost Reggie Miller his last title shot, near-misses against LeBron James and the Miami

Heat in the Eastern Conference finals and Boston's sweep in the conference finals last year with the injured Haliburton watching the last two games from the bench.

There's also the injury history. Since Miller's retirement, Danny Granger, Paul George and Victor Oladipo all appeared poised to be the Pacers next big thing — only to have their careers derailed by injuries. Now it's Haliburton trying to break the jinx.

“Heartbreaking,” said Vernon Morgan, who has followed the Pacers since George McGinnis played for the ABA team in the early 1970s. “We're still waiting to see if this (injury) will be a detriment to his career or

if he's going to recover from it. I realize he'll be out probably all of next year, but we've been counted out before.”

How tough has this been on Pacers fans?

Anthony Brehob, age 27, came dressed in a Roy Hibbert jersey and had big expectations and like many who stood in the snaking lines on the city's streets.

“I'm expecting a close game, and I'm really hoping Haliburton pulls it off at the end,” Brehob said. “If they lose, it's going to be a long night.”

The problem now is it's also going to be a long offseason with many questions surrounding Haliburton and what can be expected when he

does return.

Carlisle said he expects Haliburton, who was on crutches Sunday night, to make a full recovery. And in a state that loves underdogs so much it's produced both the real-life and Hollywood version of “Hoosiers,” the reality is the future still looks bright.

And that at least is some solace to these fans.

“It's enough to celebrate,” Morgan said of Indiana's playoff run. “We pushed them to Game 7 and it's a young team. They'll be back. We've been counted out before, nobody counted on us to make a good story. We'll be back again next year.”

LSU

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a three-game series in April. "But other than that, they dominated the season and they dominated the schedule."

Coastal Carolina won the national title in 2016 and was trying to become the first team since 1962 (Michigan) and the fifth all-time to win the championship in its first two CWS appearances. The Chanticleers hadn't lost consecutive games since dropping two in a row at Troy on March 22 and 23.

“To get us just back to Omaha after what we did in 2016, and then to come to Omaha and play the way we did and get us back to the World Series finals is really incredible,” Schnall said. “These two games won't define what this team was.”

With five-time champion coach Bertman watching from the stands, LSU tied it at 1 in the third on Ethan Frey's RBI double and went up 5-1 in the fourth on two-run singles by Chris Stanfield and Derek Curiel.



Rebecca S. Gratz/AP photo

LSU players celebrate the defeating Coastal Carolina in Game 2 of the NCAA College World Series baseball finals in Omaha, Neb., Sunday,

Coastal Carolina pulled within 5-3 in the seventh against LSU starter Anthony Eyanson when No. 9 batter Wells Sykes hit his fourth homer of the season.

That brought on Chase Shores for his fourth appearance of the CWS. The 6-foot-8 right-hander touched 100 mph with his fastball while retiring the first five

batters he faced before Dean Mihos, who homered in the second, singled through the right side leading off the ninth.

With Tigers fans on their feet and chanting “L-S-U, L-S-U,” Shores struck out Ty Dooley and got Sykes to ground into a game-ending double play. The Tigers’ dugout emptied and the

celebratory dogpile behind the mound ensued, and the players then walked around the warning track in a line high-fiving fans leaning over the wall.

The 87-year-old Bertman came onto the field in a wheelchair and walked with assistance to have pictures taken with coaches and players.

The Chanticleers had won 15 straight when Morrison (12-1) started. Morrison's 3 2/3 innings marked his shortest start of the season and the five runs against him were the most he has allowed.

LSU entered having won 13 games in a row in which one of its top two pitchers — Kade Anderson and Eyanson — started.

Anderson, one of those 12 holdovers, was selected the Most Outstanding Player of the CWS after allowing one run and six hits and striking out 17 in 16 innings over two starts in Omaha.

Anderson threw a three-hit shutout in LSU's 1-0 win in Game 1 of the finals, and Eyanson (12-2) was mostly sharp over his 6 1/3 innings. The three runs against him came on seven hits and a walk. He struck out nine.

“I remember hugging my parents right now with the natty hat and shirt on,” said Eyanson, a UC San Diego transfer. “Even on my (recruiting) visit, looking at all the history on the wall, this is what I dreamed literally — throwing pitches, starting the final game of

the national championship."

Schnall, in his first year as head coach after taking over for the retired Gary Gilmore, had not been ejected this season before Sunday.

Walker Mitchell was at bat with two outs and Sebastian Alexander had just stolen second base when Schnall went to the top steps of the dugout, gestured at plate umpire Angel Campos with three fingers and began shouting at him.

The NCAA said Schnall was arguing balls and strikes, was given a warning and thrown out when he did not leave immediately. Schilling was tossed for comments he made as the confrontation with umpires continued near the plate.

“And that’s why I feel a little gutted right now,” Schnall said, “because the talk is going to be about the ejection, not this team. And it’s not right. The front-row seat should be the 2025 Coastal Carolina baseball team, not what happened in the first inning.”

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